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FIRST EDITION

HARRISBURG.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE

Increase of Municipal Indebtedness

Aid to Sheltering Arms and Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

MR McCREERY'S OIL BILL.

Geological Survey of the State.

The New Insurance Bill.

Singerly Printing Bill Defeated in Senate.

Special to Pittsburgh Press.

HARRISBURG, February 13, 1874.

SENATE.

The bill for the relief of the State Printer failed by sixteen to ten.

HOUSE.

Mr. Hays reported Senate bill No. 33, "Act authorizing change of venue in criminal cases," with a negative recommendation, for the reason that the House bill on the same subject is much more complete.

Mr. Christy reported favorably from the General Judiciary Committee the "Act to provide for the lawful increase of the indebtedness of any county, city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district," in accordance with the provisions of the new Constitution.

Mr. Newmyer, introduced a carefully prepared bill, providing for the election of a Lieutenant Governor, defining the duties and fixing the salary at $5,000; also one appropriating $10,000 to the "Sheltering Arms" of Allegheny county, and for the Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

The Governor has signed the Printing bill of Mr. Brockway.

Representative McCreery, of Venango, desires it to be understood that the Oil bill he has introduced is the identical one which was approved by the producers at Franklin, and not the one sent down by interested parties to increase the inspection fees. His bill authorizes the Courts to appoint the inspectors.

Mr. McCreery's bill providing for a geological survey of the State, still hangs in the committee. It is intended, he asserts, to be a complete and comprehensive compilation of all that is at present known in regard to the mineral resources of the State, and will fill an important place in scientific literature upon that subject.

Nearly all the members left for their homes on the afternoon train.

Representative Hays, of Allegheny, has been complimented highly for his little speech on the Usury bill.

Among the amendments tacked on to the Judical Salary bill yesterday, was one reducing Judge Pearson's salary. The Dauphin county members remonstrated vigorously against this.

Mr. Robert C. Schmertz is here trying to pass the new Insurance bill, against which a remonstrance was presented by Senator Graham. He says the bill is not understood; that its provisions are fair and its requirements just. Montgomery Porter, the Insurance Commissioner, says he drew the bill after a careful study of the whole matter and a diligent comparison of the various insurance laws of other States.

The bill introduced by Senator Yerkes, of Bucks, does not provide for the repeal of the Jury Commissioner act, but merely names the manner of filling the wheel when the array is quashed.

Senator Andrew H. Dill, of Union, is sick. He objects to Mr. Wallace's Corporation bill, because it allows any one to bridge the Delaware at any point.

Speaker McCormick says he will oppose the law of entailments when it comes up on third reading.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Several Men Buried Beneath the Walls of an Ice House—One Man Taken Out Dead—Seven Known to be Buried Alive.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—Between nine and ten o'clock this morning a terrible accident occurred at Miller's brewery, corner of Thirty-first and Thompson streets. The ice-house attached to the brewery fell, burying in the ruins some eight of the employees. One was taken out dead, and two more are in sight, fast in the ruins. One of them is alive. Intense excitement prevails in the neighborhood, and a large force of policemen are at the scene working with the citizens to rescue the unfortunate workmen.

SECOND DISPATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—About a dozen men were employed in stowing ice in the ice-house, when the walls gave way and the whole structure fell. Thus far the police have succeeded in extricating the following persons: Henry Miller, son of the proprietor, badly injured and taken to his father's residence on Gottlieb Scherank, Wm. Bewley, Wm. Stieben, Patrick Mortley and Thos. Reept. They suffer terribly and are at the German Hospital. Scherank has one leg broken in five or six places. Thos. Allen was taken out dead. His body was crushed and mangled horribly.

THIRD DISPATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—It is now known that seven men are buried beneath the ruins, and there is no hope of getting any of them out alive.

FOURTH DISPATCH.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—Two men have been taken out of the ruins alive, one slightly injured and the other fatally. Two dead bodies have been recovered. Another fatal accident occurred at the same place this evening. A citizen, name unknown, who was aiding in rescuing the bodies, fell into the excavation, and his head striking on a piece of timber in the fall, he was instantly killed. Policemen Stinson and Corby were also seriously injured by being precipitated into the same excavation.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, February 13.—In the House this morning bills were introduced, to constitute a Probate Judge, County Auditor and County Commissioners, of each county, a Board of Supervisors to designate the banks where public funds shall be deposited; said banks to give bonds for the safe keeping of said funds, and to repeal the act whereby county treasurers are required to keep funds in the treasury; to provide for the keeping of the polls open until 7 P. M.; to encourage the culture of forest trees; exempt from execution tools and implements of unmarried men, not exceeding $100 worth, and $100 worth of property of unmarried women; providing means for enforcing the recovery of money otherwise than by execution; to forbid any one but the regular ticket agent of a railroad company to sell railroad tickets, and to redeem all unused coupons or tickets within one year.

In the Senate bills were introduced to change the hours for electing directors in special school districts to seven and nine P. M.; to repeal that section of the school law which allows teachers to dismiss schools to attend the Teachers' Institutes without forfeiting their pay for that week.

In the House, this afternoon, a resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Schools to inquire into the propriety of preparing a bill for the publication of a uniform series of school books for the use of the common schools of Ohio, at reasonable rates. The resolution to adjourn *sine die* March 10th was laid on the table, under notice to discuss.

In the Senate, the hearing of the contested election case for Treasurer of the State, was postponed until the 24th. The following bills were then passed: The House bill providing for paying township Treasurers for annual settlement with the county auditor, one dollar and five cents per mile for going and returning from county seats; the House bill forbidding any corporation doing banking or other business in connection with insurance, from doing business in Ohio; the House bill appropriating $600 annually from the current expenses of the Blind Asylum for the purchase of books to be sold to blind persons at their exact cost.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The National Grange, in session at St. Louis, adjourned last night *sine die.*

Outstanding legal tenders amount to $381,-559,147.

A number of prominent citizens of Boston propose to make the Museum of Zoology at Cambridge, to which Prof. Agassiz devoted the best years of his life, a memorial monument in his honor. In order to do this, they resolved to raise the sum of $300,000 to complete its endowment.

The steamships Canada and Algeria, from Liverpool, and the Ethiopia and India, from Glasgow, arrived at New York yesterday.

The Massachusetts House of Representatives yesterday rescinded the resolution of 1862 censuring Charles Sumner, by a vote of 118 to 49.

It is believed that the dissection of the bond of union between the bodies of the Siamese twin began yesterday morning.

T. B. Brockway, for many years hotel proprietor at Cleveland, O., died in New York yesterday.

TEMPERANCE.

West Jefferson, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WEST JEFFERSON, O., February 13, 1874.

The temperance excitement ran high here to-day. After the ladies had made their regular calls, a committee of gentlemen, composed of our best citizens, waited on each saloon keeper personally for the purpose of giving them to understand what they might depend on in case they failed to comply with the demands of the ladies. Another has signed the pledge, which leaves three yet to be conquered.

Springfield, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, February 13, 1874.

Two bands of women, each numbering one hundred and fifty, have been going about all day in the wind and rain, invading saloons and singing. Two saloonists pledged themselves to quit. A joint stock association of business men, representing two million dollars of money, is formed to back the women up with funds to carry on the campaign. Many thousand dollars have been subscribed. In one saloon in O-born, near this city, visited by a party of ladies fr m here, powder had been sprinkled over the floor, and the proprietors threatened to fire it if the ladies entered. They went in. The women are determined, and gain courage and members every day.

Fort Wayne.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

FORT WAYNE, IND., February 13, 1874.

Mr. Baxter, author of the famous Liquor bill of Indiana, concludes a series of lectures this evening, which have been well attended and of good influence. He thinks the women's movement on the saloons in Ohio would have a good effect in Indiana.

Wilmington, Ohio.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WILMINGTON, O., February 13, 1874.

There are but a few saloons left open in the county, and, from the way the work is being prosecuted, all will have to surrender soon.

New York.

NEW YORK, February 13.—The President of the New York Union Temperance Prayer Meeting says there is a movement on foot to diminish, if possible, the liquor traffic. While no attempts will be made to interfere with individual rights, a very active effort is to be directed against the liquor business. A large number of persons, including many ladies, are ready to embark in the undertaking.

CRIMES.

Homicide in a Xenia Saloon.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

XENIA, O., February 13, 1874.

This evening a young man named Joseph Lee was killed in a saloon owned by Perry Litzenberger in this place. Lee was intoxicated and there seems to have been a grudge existing between Lee and George Litzenberger, son of the proprietor. Lee was creating a disturbance. When George came into the saloon, Lee took a gun that was standing in the saloon, went to a hardware store, loaded it, came back and called for some gin. George refused it, when Lee pointed the gun at him and told him he would have it or kill him. George caught the gun by the barrel, held it up, drew a revolver and shot Lee three times, one shot in the head and two in the breast.

Case of David A. Gage.

CHICAGO, February 13.—Judge Rodgers, in the Criminal Court this morning, gave a decision on the application of the counsel of David A. Gage, ex-City Treasurer, to quash the indictments for defalcation and perjury. The court refused in the case of the former, but granted the application in the case of perjury. This is not considered favorable by the friends of Gage, as a new indictment has been found by another grand jury.

The grounds upon which Judge Rogers quashed the indictment for perjury against ex-City Treasurer Gage were purely technical, and as a new indictment for perjury, in which the technical errors which defeated the first are omitted, has been returned by the grand jury, it is probable that Gage will be tried on that charge as well as that for the failure to pay over public funds.

Criminal Charges Against Rush R. Sloane

SANDUSKY, OHIO, February 13.—Rush R. Sloane, removed in October from the Presidency of the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad, was arrested here to-day on seventeen distinct charges of embezzlement preferred by the company. Bail was fixed at forty-six thousand dollars for his appearance next Tuesday. It is understood that further charges are to be made. Civil suits for about one hundred and fifty thousand dollars had already been commenced. Sloane's property is in Chicago, Toledo, Boston and this city having been attached.

CASUALTIES.

Broke Through the Ice.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 13, 1874.

A puddler named Evans ventured too far on the ice at Niles last night, broke through and was drowned.

Three Men Killed by a Boiler Explosion.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

URBANA, O., February 13, 1874.

A terrific boiler explosion took place early this morning, at the saw mill of Joseph and Jacob Price, at a place called Texas, six miles north of here, by which three men were killed. Parts of the machinery were blown a great distance, one piece passing through the roof, ceiling and floor of a dwelling one hundred yards distant.

Drowned in a Pool of Water.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WILMINGTON, O., February 13, 1874.

On Saturday H. Pennington, a young man residing four miles from here, fell in a fit in the stable yard, face downward, into a pool of water. His struggles attracted the attention of his aged parents, but both being old and helpless they could not assist their son, and before help arrived he was dead.

Two Children Burned Alive.

MILWAUKEE, February 13.—An Atwater, Minn., dispatch reports that the house of A. P. Swish, of Lake Lillian, was burned Wednesday evening, and that his two little children perished in the flames. Swish and wife were away from home.

Chang and Eng.

NEW YORK, February 13.—A Philadelphia dispatch of yesterday says: In the Siamese Twins autopsy the day was taken up by photographing. The corpses were taken in a number of positions and from different points of view, so as to put on permanent record the external appearances. The first cut looking toward an autopsy, which begins formally today, was made in the abdomen of Eng. A hand was passed in at the opening and the fingers carried nearly to the center of the fleshy band of union. This showed that the lining membrane of the general abdominal cavity lines the opening into this fleshy band. Casts have been taken with highly successful results. A well-known artist, conversant with the subject from practice in the army hospitals, has been engaged to make drawings of the internal parts as they are developed.

Failure of James Ward & Co.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 13, 1874.

A meeting of the creditors of James Ward & Co., who suspended a week ago, was held at Niles to-day to devise means of settlement without forcing the firm into bankruptcy. The indebtedness of the firm was found to be over one million dollars. The assets are claimed to be one million seven hundred thousand. Creditors from Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Sharon, Youngstown and other points were present. A number of propositions were submitted by the firm, among others one giving the firm eight years to pay the indebtedness, making eight annual payments with six per cent. interest. It is reported that the committee accepted this proposition.

Pacing Against Time.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., February 13, 1874.

An interesting pacing match came off here yesterday. Mr. G. H. Smith, owner of the young pacing horse, Sleepy George, got up a match. The young racer has been running loose in the field for the past five months, and the conditions of the match were that the horse should be taken from the field, shod, put on the track without practice and pace one mile in time 2:25. He was brought on the track, and receiving the word go, at the first start made the first half mile in 1:18, and the second in 1:05, thus pacing the whole mile in 2:19. The distance was then disputed and a measurement taken, when it was found that the whole distance trotted was one mile and seven feet.

Fighting in Cuba—Victory for Insurgents.

HAVANA, February 13.—Correspondents say that letters from the insurrectionary district, dated February 10, say that a few days previously General Calixto Garcia attacked the village of Corralito, seizing an immense number of cattle and live stock. The Spaniards left their intrenchments, but were driven back into the fort, leaving behind them twelve killed and fifteen rifles. On the 9th, at the same place, an action took place which lasted eight hours. The Spaniards were about one thousand strong, and were forced to retreat into their encampments, leaving forty killed and many arms. Their total loss is calculated at two hundred. The Cuban loss in killed and wounded was sixty.

The new trade dollar is daily increasing in popularity, 1,500,000 pieces of the coin have thus far been issued from the mints.

The Great Patent.

The Great White River Flour is now being made under a new patent and is giving general satisfaction. It is now the leading brand in this market. Every dealer should keep it.

XLIII. CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 13, 1874.

On motion of Mr. STOCKTON, the bill to restore William Kilburn, of San Francisco, to the navy of the United States, as ensign, was passed.

Mr. SARGENT presented a petition signed by 16,648 citizens of California, asking the Senate to pay some attention to the condition of the treaty between the United States and China, with a view to having some modifications made therein to prevent the Chinese influx to this country. The memorial was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The CHAIR laid before the Senate resolutions of the Wisconsin Legislature instructing the delegation in Congress from that State to vote for the passage of a law reducing the pay of all civil and military employees of the government to a scale commensurate with the duties performed. Referred.

Mr. MORTON presented the petition of ex-soldiers of Indiana, making an equalization of bounty. Referred.

Mr. GOLDTHWAITE presented the memorial of the Mobile Board of Trade for the improvement of Mobile bay. Referred.

Mr. KELLY, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported favorably on the bill granting certain swamp lands in Holt county, Missouri, to the county for educational purposes. Passed.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds to inquire into the expediency of procuring the statue of Thomas Jefferson, now in the open grounds at the Executive Mansion. Mr. Sumner said the statue should be protected as a work of art. Agreed to.

The resolution offered a few days ago by Mr. BAYARD, calling upon the President to inform the Senate as to the conduct of Major Lewis Merrill, an officer of the army on duty in South Carolina, was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Bayard and Scott.

Pending discussion on the resolution, the morning hour expired, and Mr. Sherman insisted upon the regular order, the bill to equalize the distribution of currency.

Mr. MERRIMON said his absence of yesterday having been prepared hastily, he deemed it expedient to make some changes in the phraseology, and with the permission of the Senate he withdrew that and offered a new substitute, which provides for the issue of forty-six millions national bank currency in addition to that now in circulation, to be issued to banks now organized or hereafter to be organized, and distributed to the several States in accordance with section one of the act of July 12, 1870.

Mr. SAULSBURY opposed any increase in the volume of the currency.

Mr. STEWART moved that when the Senate adjourn it be to-day it be to meet on Monday next. Agreed to.

The question being on Mr. Wright's amendment of yesterday, to strike out "twenty-five millions" as the amount of currency to be withdrawn from those States having an excess and insert "fifty millions," Mr. SHERMAN appealed to Senators to support the bill as it came from the committee. Those of South and West wanted more currency, this would provide temporary relief. He would, however, rather see the amendment of the gentleman from Iowa (Wright) adopted than have the proposition of the gentleman from North Carolina (Merrimon) engrafted on the bill. Should that substitute be put on the bill, there would be no prospect of a vote for a long time, and it would destroy the bill of the committee, which he believed to be a wise measure, and one which he believed would give relief to the sections wanting it. There seemed to be an impression that this bill would be the last, and would settle the financial question as to whether or not there was to be an increase. He assured the gentleman that so soon as the Naval Appropriation bill was disposed of next, should be disposed of he would call up the resolution from the Finance Committee declaring it to be the duty of Congress at the present session to adopt definite measures to redeem the pledge made in the act of March 16th, 1869, for the earliest practicable redemption of United States notes in coin, and would press a vote on it. If the substitute of the gentleman from North Carolina should be agreed to by the Senate, it would be disagreed to by the House. He thought the result would be like the dog crossing the stream, who, after having secured a chunk of beef and seeing its shadow in the water, dropped his beef and grabbed for the shadow, thus losing his beef.

Mr. GORDON asked the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. Wright) to withdraw his amendment to the bill, in order that he (Gordon) might offer a substitute for Mr. Cameron's bill, which substitute provided for the issue of the same amount as that of the gentleman from North Carolina (Merrimon), but authorized an additional quantity, to be issued only to those States which have less than their quota.

Mr. MERRIMON said he had modified his substitute so that currency should be issued in accordance with section one of the act of July 12, 1870, which provided that money should be issued to those States having less than their proportion.

Mr. GORDON withdrew his proposition to offer a substitute.

Mr. CAMERON said he desired to offer an amendment to the bill, but was not prepared to do so now, and therefore wished the Senate would adjourn, as he did not want a vote to be taken to-day. He could not vote for the bill of the committee, as it gave no relief, or such as it would give would be of a very temporary character. It was intended to relieve the pain of the patient, but would result in death. His proposition was to extend the national banking system and take away the prejudice now existing against it, which compelled it to be called a monopoly. Not having his amendme nt ready now, he moved that the Senate adjourn.

Mr. CONOVER moved that the Senate proceed to the consideration of Executive business, and Mr. Cameron accepted that amendment.

The CHAIR announced Mr. Dorsey as a member of the Committee on Appropriations, in place of Mr. Ames resigned; Mr. Harvey as a member of the Committee on Mines and and Mining in place, of Mr. Crozier; Mr. Pease as a member of the committee on Enrolled Bills, in place of Mr. Ames; and Mr. Harvey as a member of the Committee on Mississippi Levees, in place of Mr. Crozier.

Mr. CAMERON inquired of Mr. Cameron if his proposition would be as a substitute for the bill of the committee.

Mr. CAMERON replied in the affirmative.

The Senate went into Executive sess on, and soon after adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, asked leave to offer a resolution in reference to the Sanborn contracts, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish copies of all contracts, schedules, correspondence and orders of the department; also a statement of the amounts paid under each contract, by whom paid, and under which contract.

Mr. BUTLER said he had objected when that resolution was offered before. The effect of it would be to bring before the country the names of a great many gentlemen who had been accused on ex parte testimony. He now withdrew his objection, trusting to have such discussion as would be necessary on the bill to be introduced on that subject. There being no objection, the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. KASSON gave notice that he would, on Monday next, from and ask action on a bill restricting the refunding of customs duties, and prescribing certain regulations from the Treasury Department.

The House proceeded to the consideration of private bills.

The bill for ascertaining the losses sustained by citizens of Southern Oregon and Northern California by reason of Indian depredations in 1872 and 1873, provoked quite an excited discussion, in which Mr. Shanks defended the memory of Captain Jack and his Modocs, and stated as a fact, that when General Canby was holding his conference with Captain Jack, the military lines were being closed around the Modocs. The bill itself was opposed by Mr. G. F. Hoar, as establishing the dangerous precedent that the government is responsible for the reimbursement of citizens damaged by war.

Mr. GARFIELD said if this bill was passed it would open the sluices of the Treasury to claims from Ohio and Indiana, arising out of the Morgan raids, and from Pennsylvania, arising out of Lee's invasion, and there would not be a cent left in the Treasury. Finally, on motion of Mr. Garfield, the enacting clause was stricken out of the bill, in Committee of the Whole, by a vote of 79 to 68, and the committee thereupon rose and reported that action to the House, and it was concurred in—yeas 105, nays 85. So the bill was defeated.

The House then adjourned, to-morrow's session to be for debate only.

THE EVANS TRIAL.

Reserved Point Decided Against the Prisoner—His Petition for Discharge as Insolvent Debtor.

HARRISBURG, February 13.—Judge Pearson to-day decided the reserved point in the Evans case in favor of the Commonwealth. He said the point was well taken, except for the act of 1870, which gave the Commonwealth the remedy they pursued. Evans's counsel then presented his petition, and asked for his discharge under the insolvent act, which will be heard within a few days.

OHIO NEWS.

The Falls wire works of Akron employs twenty-five men, and turns out a ton of wire daily.

A Vinton county rum seller, speaking of the women crusaders, says: "They are very kind in their prayers at first. They pray for a fellow's soul, and then stick a petition before him. If he don't sign to quit, they pray for lightning to strike his shop."

Bellair has organized a Merchants' Protective Association, the object of which is to protect themselves from that class who procure but never pay.

Carson Lake, Esq., formerly editor of the *Akron City Times*, has accepted the editorship of the *Toledo Democrat*, the leading Democratic paper of northwestern Ohio.

The new Presbyterian church at Millersburg, will be dedicated to-morrow.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

Programme of Minister Cushing

CONDITION OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT.

Costs in Farragut Prize Cases.

Exorbitant Fees Paid to Lawyers and Favorites.

The Late Murders by Indians

Active Operations to Commence Against Them.

Ohio River Commissioners Well Received.

Aid to Mennonite Immigration.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 13, 1874.

Caleb Cushing

left here to-night for New York, and thence will visit Providence and Boston on business connected with an important case now pending in the Supreme Court, after which he will pass a few days at Newburyport, his old home. He expects to sail for Madrid in about two weeks.

The Diplomatic Policy

to be pursued toward the new government of Spain will be entirely influenced by the circumstances. The army, with Serrano at the head, is in possession of the government, and the Cortes has been adjourned for a year. The foreign representatives at Madrid are still awaiting more definite action on the part of Serrano in pronouncing the policy of his rule.

The Farragut Prize Case.

In the Fortieth Congress a bill was passed directing the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to distribute the award in what are known as the Farragut prize cases, amounting to about $200,000. The attention of the House Committee on Naval Affairs has been called to the exorbitant amount of costs. General Butler, J. H. Ashton, formerly Assistant Attorney General, and a lawyer of this city were the counsel for the claimants, and the records show that the court allowed a fee of $60,000 to the counsel, or $20,000 a piece for a very small amount of work. There is also allowed a recompense of $250 to a person said to be General Butler's confidential clerk. The whole amount of costs is $65,000. The Committee on Naval Affairs deem it of interest to the government to inquire into this large expenditure.

The Indian Troubles.

Later particulars received at army headquarters increase the apprehensions of a general outbreak among the Sioux. The Indians are the same that visited here with Red Cloud about two years ago. The recent murders were committed two hundred miles away from their reservation. The savages threaten the line of the Northern Pacific road from the Platte to the Black Hills, about one hundred and fifty miles. The troops available number one thousand cavalry and seven hundred infantry, which includes garrisons. Operations will be conducted from Forts Laramie, Sanders, D. A. Russell and Fetterman, in Wyoming Territory, and Fort McPherson and Sydney barracks, in Nebraska. Colonel John E. Smith, commanding at Fort Laramie, telegraphs here that he has dispatched a force to intercept and bring back a wagon train sent out by the Indian agents with arms and ammunition.

The Ohio River Commissioners

had a conference with the House Commerce Committee yesterday, which was addressed by Mr. Thurston, its secretary. The committee of the House promised all the aid in their power. The commission has adjourned.

Mennonite Immigration.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands today considered the Mr. Cameron resolution setting apart certain public lands for a colony of fifty thousand Mennonites from Russia. Mr. Cameron, with a delegation of four of the sect from Pennsylvania, appeared before the committee on behalf of this resolution. The committee is favorably disposed, but took no action. The sect has been expelled from Russia on account of their refusal to perform military duty. The decree of expulsion gives them till 1881 to leave.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 13, 1874.

HOWARD COURT OF INQUIRY.

The President to-day approved the joint resolution authorizing a special Court of Inquiry concerning General O. O. Howard.

EMIGRATION OF MENNONITES.

The Senate Committee on Public Lands today heard the statements of a delegation of four Mennonites from Pennsylvania, introduced by Senator Cameron, in support of his resolution looking to the enactment of a law by which forty or fifty thousand Mennonites, desirous of emigrating to this country from Russia, may be allowed to purchase in Public Lands a large tract of land in a compact body, under the pre-emption laws. The committee seemed disposed to regard the proposition favorably.

BANK AMENDMENTS.

The House Committee on Banks and Banking authorized the appointment of a sub-committee to investigate the affairs of the First National bank at Washington, in accordance with the resolution of the House.

VIGOROUS MEASURES AGAINST SIOUX.

General Sheridan, under date of New York, February 12, telegraphs to General Sherman as follows: "The trouble with the Sioux, which, for some time past, we have been trying to avoid, seems now to be beyond any peaceable solution. In addition to the killing of Lieutenant Robinson and Corporal Coleman, Appleton, chief clerk at the Red Cloud agency, has been killed. The agent of the Spotted Tail agency reports that large parties of hostile Indians from both agencies have left for general hostilities. General Ord has sent out scouting parties to warn ranchers, and to order their return to the railroad. I will go home to-morrow, to superintend any action that may be necessary."

Gen. Sherman replied, same date: "Under the call of the Interior Department of to-day, sent to your headquarters at Chicago, you will be just in time to collect and have mustered for service, even if you draw cavalry from Fort Riley by rail to Cheyenne to march to Red Cloud agency, striking every party of Indians that appears. Every Indian who has remanded south of the North Platte should be demanded and held as an accomplice in the murder of Lieut. Robinson. Their ponies must have grass, and grass must now be scarce; so the occasion to give the Sioux the lesson long merited seems to me favorable. My own opinion is that the Sioux should never again have an agency away from the Missouri river."

NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has nominated Benj. J. Spooner, United States Marshal for the District of Indiana; James C. Broden, Register of Land Office at Litchfield, Minnesota; Wm. N. Greenleaf, Receiver of same; L. M. Cox, Postmaster at Thorntown, Indiana.

NEW DEVICE OF POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Postmaster General Creswell, while before the House Committee on Appropriations to-day, advocated the establishment on all railroads of the United States of a special mail train, to be run at a high rate of speed, for the sole purpose of transmitting mail matter.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, February 13, 1874.

MR. DAWES'S SPEECH ON RETRENCHMENT.

A Washington special in speaking of Mr. Dawes's speech in the House yesterday, relative to retrenchment, says he urged the consolidation, if not entire abolition, of some thirty-four customs collection districts; also, the consolidation of the navy yards on the Atlantic coast into two; the abolition of pension agencies and the payment of pensions from Washington direct, through the postoffice machinery. He made an onslaught upon the propriety of appropriating money for the construction of public buildings for the District of Columbia, and for river and harbor improvements.

THE BROOKLYN REVENUE FRAUD CASE.

The great alleged internal revenue fraud case came up to-day in the United States Court in Brooklyn, on the argument of counsel for Sanborn and others for a bill of particulars. The District Attorney intimated that he was unable to get the records of the United States Treasury Department bearing upon the case. The court took the papers and reserved its decision.

FIRE RECORD.

Fowler, Ohio—$1,000.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., February 13, 1874.

The house of Mrs. Horton, at Fowler, Ohio, fifteen miles from here, was burned to the ground last night, with all the furniture. Loss one thousand dollars; insured for fifteen hundred.

Kensington, Rhode Island—$50,000.

PROVIDENCE, February 13.—The lower mill at Rocky Brook, Kensington, owned by the heirs of N. B. Durfee, was burned last night by an incendiary. Loss $50,000; insured for $15,000.

Inducements Offered

for cash and to prompt men at the Checkered Front, 25 cents per barrel on flour, and 1 per cent on other goods if paid in ten days. See advertisement.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

WRECK ON IRISH COAST—TWELVE DROWNED.

LONDON, February 13.—The bark Pulcinella from New York, for Bristol, with grain, was wrecked on the Irish coast during a gale on Wednesday, and twelve of the crew drowned.

THE ELECTIONS—A SERIOUS RIOT.

LONDON, February 13.—Up to this morning 325 Conservatives and 282 Liberals and Home Rulers have been elected to the new Parliament. Two hundred and eighty-three Conservatives have been elected in England alone. In Scotland the Liberals have a majority of twenty-five. The Liberals and Home Rulers are twenty-six ahead in Ireland. There was a serious election riot yesterday near Stourbridge, Worcestershire. The police were unable to quell the disturbance and called upon the military, who dispersed the rioters, a number of whom were injured.

LONDON, February 13.—Fifteen Conservatives and eleven Liberals were elected to Parliament yesterday.

ANOTHER SHIPWRECK—MANY LIVES LOST.

LONDON, February 13.—The bark Cardoss has been lost at sea. Many persons were drowned.

Spain.

INVESTMENT OF BILBAO.

MADRID, February 13.—The investment of Bilbao by the Carlist forces continues. General Moriones is concentrating troops in Santander, and will soon advance to the relief of the city.

Ireland.

INTERNATIONAL SHOOTING MATCH.

DUBLIN, February 13.—The Irish Rifle Association of this city, have accepted the conditions on which the American riflemen are willing to compete.

Russia.

ARRIVAL OF THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 13.—The Emperor of Austria arrived here this afternoon, and was most cordially received by the Czar and members of the imperial family.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, February 13.—Steamships Abyssinia, Italy, Castalia, Anglia and Donan, from New York, arrived out.

Foreign Markets.

LONDON, February 13.—Amount of bullion gone into Bank of England on balance to-day £15,600 Current bullion now in Bank, £19,299; Imports of wheat for the week, 95,249; Imports of flour for the week, 65,169; do 67, 109½; do 68, 106¾; New 58, 103¾; New York Central 96; Erie 44⅞; Erie preferred 69⅝; Illinois Central 83; Pennsylvania 93⅛; Reading 97⅜; Canada Southern 53; red winter Upsalks 6d; red western spring 11s 4½d; red winter Upsalks 6d; parcels of wheat the past three days 17,000 quarters, of which 14,000 were American. Tallow and fair to middling Manchester shirtings 34s. Corn 37s 6d. Bacon—long clear middles 39s. Tallow 50s.

ANTWERP, February 13.—Refined petroleum 32¾ francs.

FROM JAPAN.

Census of 1872—Population of Sixty-Six Millions—Efforts of Foreign Powers to Gain Access to the Empire.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 13.—The following summary is received by the steamer Japan:

YOKOHAMA, January 23.—Iwakura is rapidly recovering from his wounds. No positive clue to his assailant has been discovered, though several arrests have been made.

The official census of 1872, just published, fixes the entire population at 33,110,825 male, and 33,299,870 female, a majority in numbers. There are twenty-nine members of the imperial family, four hundred and fifty-nine of the highest nobles and about seven hundred thousand of the lower order of gentry.

The position of the Russian Minister Von Brandt, in the dispute with the Japanese government, is understood to be as follows: He claims that, inasmuch as existing treaties exclude the foreign element from the interior of the empire, the Japanese have already violated it by introducing foreign teachers, etc., for the insruction of their youths, the development of the mineral resources and other kindred purposes. On this ground he proposes to resist the further exclusion of any of his countrymen who choose to travel beyond the prescribed limits, either for pleasure or trade. The native authorities are firm in their defiance of what they call a monstrous assumption. The memorandum of the Japanese Foreign office to the representatives above mentioned in the dispatch of December 23, refuting the arguments in favor of an extension of international law, has been received, and in which the former pleas are reiterated.

The matter of proposals is no less objectionable than before, although the manner is less offensive. It is noteworthy that this document is not signed by the United States Minister. A second answer by the Japanese is equally strong in its rejection of the demands. This correspondence is probably now terminated, though further verbal discussion will be allowed. The first communication took place last fall, when the entire commerce and trade were solicited, subject to a scheme of internal jurisdiction laid down by the foreign ministers, and to be executed by consular authority. To their last reply, the Japanese refuse to entertain any proposal looking to the opening of their country, except by means of as entire revision of the treaty, previous to which they will require the credentials authorizing the ministers to act in so important a matter. They say that such a radical step must be regulated by diplomatic usages, and should not be the agreement between the foreign office and the European representatives.

WHEAT AND OATS OF 1873.

Percentage Remaining in the Hands of Producers February 1, in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL., February 13.—The *National Crop Reporter* will publish to-morrow estimates in relation to the percentage of the crops of wheat and oats of 1873, remaining in the hands of the producer February 1st in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. The following is an abstract of the estimates presented: In the States named, which produced last year over one hundred and thirty-eight million bushels of wheat, there was remaining on hand about forty and one-half per cent., or very nearly fifty-nine million bushels. This indicates a consumption to date, which includes the shipment of about eighty and a half million bushels. Illinois is shown as the heaviest consumer, being sixty-four and one-half per cent., and Wisconsin the lightest, or fifty-three per cent. Of oats, the data presented, which is over one hundred and forty million bushels, of which amount forty-three and one-half per cent., or sixty-one million bushels remained in the hands of farmers February 1st. The rate of consumption is highest in Illinois, reaching sixty per cent., and lowest in Kansas, where it is forty-four per cent. The total consumption in all the States is eighty-three million bushels. The estimates of damage to the growing wheat are increasing somewhat, although the prospects are yet in favor of a much larger yield than last year.

THE WEATHER.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 14, 1 A. M.

PROBABILITIES FOR SATURDAY.

For the Ohio Valley and Lake region, north west winds, rising barometer, clear and cold weather.

For New England, continued low barometer, southerly winds and rain, followed on Saturday night by southwest winds, lower temperature and cloudy or clearing weather. For the Middle Atlantic States, southerly winds, veering to west and northwest, with rising barometer and clearing weather. For the Southern States, southwest

The Daily Commercial.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1874.

THE condition of the streets of our city, in consequence of somebody's apathy or negligence, is simply disgraceful.

CONSIDERED as specimens of irritated loquacity, Col. McCLURE's speeches in behalf of himself possess a real value for the student of verbal calisthenics.

JENKINS informs us that SOKES's hair has turned white. Now will some ambitious New York interviewer tell us what is the condition of TWEED's conscience?

THESE Congressional plums are out of all proportion to the pudding. Two thousand bills have been introduced and twenty had become laws up to last Thursday. Less talking and more work, gentlemen.

CONGRESS proposes to institute an inquiry into the number of banks which suspended payment during the panic and which certified checks illegally, and to ascertain whether such practices of the certification of checks are now continued.

A SCIENTIFIC contemporary states that the combustion of the gas burners of London, during one hour, produces sufficient water to supply all the wants of a large emigrant ship on a voyage from England to Australia. Then we think of the retorts in Congress, and understand the cause of the people's grief. *Hinc illæ lacrimæ.*

THE Springfield *Republican* feels a breaking out anew of the old marvel at President LINCOLN's influence over men. Yes. He was a wonderful man-tamer. His magnetism, which reached from Washington to Massachusetts, being even strong enough to repress and subdue the Ishmaelitish political instincts and tendencies of that paper.

THE editor of the Louisville *Ledger* boasts that it is twenty years since he read the first volume of BANCROFT's History of the United States, and that his acquaintance with that author's works began and ended there and then. Now we know the reason of the *Ledger's* cimmerian ignorance concerning the facts and the philosophy of his country's history.

TO-DAY is St. VALENTINE's day. Long before the day when poor OPHELIA sang of this patron saint of all true lovers, the feast was of almost universal celebration. Times, however, have changed since then, and yet the observance of the ancient and honorable custom of sending kindly greeting to loved ones on the day sacred to the good old saint, is one of which not the most delicate or fastidious need feel in the least ashamed.

IT is understood that the reason why the *Post* supports Mr. GUTHRIE for Mayor, is partly owing to the fact that a subscriber to that paper recently complained that it was too material, had too little of the imaginative, which is a mark of genius; whereupon, determined to show what could be done in that line, the editor decided to write some articles setting forth the fitness of the Democratic candidate for the office in question.

BISMARCK has warned Belgium of the danger incurred by giving harbor and encouragement to the Jesuits, and insists that a nation is to be held answerable for the effect of any agitation or discussion within its territory or within its control, which may have a bad effect upon the policy of the government of a neighboring nation with which the former is at peace. This is giving definite shape to a new obligation between nations, which hitherto has only been presented in a vague and irresponsible way.

THE Louisville *Courier-Journal* deals a more telling blow at the apologists of human slavery, than GARRISON or PHILLIPS, in their most heated fever of indignation, ever dealt. Speaking of the colored element in Congress, that paper says: "The negro at his best is kindly and obliging. But he is not, and, considering his origin, could not be, virtuous and truthful." That is all; but it is a stroke which stuns: for if, on all this earth's footing, there was ever a worse crime than the crime of making it impossible for human beings to lead noble and unsullied lives, we should like to know in what it consisted.

THE depths of personal degradation to which some men will descend for the sake of political preferment, is most strikingly illustrated by the confession of ex Senator NORTON, of New York, who says he never received the slightest pecuniary consideration for signing the fraudulent ring documents, and only signed them when he became a candidate for the State Senate, because he did not dare to incur the ill-will of TWEED, CONNOLLY and the other ring thieves who were constantly urging him to put his name to the paper. Were the whole truth known, it probably would be found that TWEED exacted signatures by similar intimidation from many other officials.

THERE are people silly enough to believe that the way to prevent corruption and extravagance is to put the Democratic party in power; but they are not, usually, men who pay much regard to facts. As an instance to the contrary, we submit the following table of the cost of the Legislature, in New York, during the three years last past:

Total expenses of Legislature of 1871.....	$422,446 01
Total expenses of Legislature of 1872.....	467,457 28
Total expenses of Legislature of 1873.....	266,519 38

There is a wide divergence in these figures; but it is easily explained: The Legislature of 1871 was Democratic, and those of 1872 and 1873 were Republican. And this will be found to be the case everywhere. Extravagance and corruption invariably and inevitably follow in the wake of the Democracy, when it gets in power.

THE New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* notes some large sales of valuable real estate lately made in that city. The property referred to consisted of fashionably built mansions in the best part of the city, which were owned either by Tammany office-holders compelled to an unwelcome settlement of their accounts, or by men forced by the panic into a retrenchment of their expenses. The prices realized, the correspondent notes, were very largely below the rates current before the panic. No figures are given; but the fact seems to be conceded that, while those not forced to sell, hold on to their property at old rates, those who *are* forced, cannot realize anything like old prices. There are plenty of purchasers, waiting to buy at low rates, for investment, which shows that they have faith in the future; but that does not change the fact as to the present depression.

IT HAS for years been an almost universal custom among commission merchants in New York to sell ahead of time. As an inducement to customers to purchase goods in advance of the season, they dated their bills ahead thirty, sixty or ninety days, thus giving them really, in most cases, four months' open account, whereas in giving four months straight, a note is generally required. The folly of thus bridging over their customs was strikingly shown during the last panic, when many houses took care of their notes and allowed their open accounts to wait. It has now been decided by the leading commission houses to wholly abandon this pernicious practice of dating ahead, and to sell on straight thirty and sixty days. This will tend to bring back business to its legitimate channels, and arrest to a great extent the disastrous spirit of speculation which has crippled or ruined so many people during the past and previous financial panics.

AN IMPRESSION seems to be gaining ground at Washington that the matter of deficiency claimed by the Secretary of the Treasury will be settled by increase of taxation, and that the subjects of taxation will not be tea and coffee, but whisky and tobacco. The anticipated deficiency for the fiscal year was $42,000,000, but this has been lessened considerably by the recently increased receipts and is now estimated at $30,000,000. The tariff bill of the Committee on Ways and Means, as it now stands, regulates the duties on silks by a new schedule, puts the duty back on fruit, repeals the ten per cent. reduction of the act of 1872 on books and other printed matter and artificial flowers, and arranges for a new kind of export bond for distilled spirits. It is reported that the committee intend to insert a provision making the duty on all still wines forty per cent., and possibly to add some new provision to section 73 of the internal Revenue act of 1868, as amended by the act of 1872, so as to give more speedy return of drawback on exports of tax-paid manufactured tobacco.

A GREAT deal is just now being said and written concerning the SANDORN contract, a compact whereby the government was to recover certain moneys due the United States on internal revenue account. The question now being so widely discussed is an old one. The Philadelphia *Inquirer* says that in November, 1872, Secretary BOUTWELL made a contract with a Mr. ELBERT, of that city, for the latter to recover delinquent internal revenue taxes. The amount to be collected was $100,000, on which the agent was to receive fifty per cent. on the same conditions as other contractors. A contract was also made between Secretary RICHARDSON and JOHN CLARK, of Philadelphia, in September, 1873, whereby the latter was to assist in recovering moneys belonging to the United States withheld by certain deceased persons' estates. The sum alleged to be due was $20,000. He was, also, to receive fifty per cent. in full compensation for the gross sum collected. If these compacts were illegal, Secretaries BOUTWELL and RICHARDSON did wrong in entering into them. And the legality of the methods of procedure is the real question at issue in the now famous SANDORN contract.

ALLEGHENY CITY.

Our friends in Allegheny City are passing through the same fire that we have just escaped from; and if we have not given them the full attention their case deserved, they must blame it to the absorbing nature of our own trouble. Now that we are through with our difficulty, we can afford to sympathize with our brethren north of the river.

Mr. SMITH received, fairly, the highest number of votes cast for Mayor at the Republican primary meetings held last week. This fact is conceded by those who contested the nomination with him, and it ought to settle the entire controversy in his favor. He is the Republican candidate for Mayor, nominated in accordance with the party rules, and he is honestly entitled to the party support. He has never, we believe, accused us of any special partiality for him; and we cannot, therefore, be suspected of any personal bias in his behalf. He is, to us, the Republican nominee; and that is enough. It is a safe political rule, never to scratch when beaten in the primary contests; and in accordance with this rule, the friends of the other candidates for this nomination owe it to themselves and the nominee to unite cordially in his support.

We concede the many good qualities possessed by his opponent, Mr. PHILLIPS, and the personal strength of the men who back him up in their call upon him to become a candidate; but we never could, and we never expect to be able to, tolerate this thing of stealing into the fold over the fence instead of going through the gate. We stand by the old, legitimate ways of doing things. We respect Mr. PHILLIPS; but this is not the way to get office. Political parties are a necessity in a republican government, and parties can be kept up only by contesting the field at all elections with candidates nominated in the regular and recognized way.

The Republicans have a majority of 2,000 in Allegheny City, as they have demonstrated, time and again. They are, therefore, justified to govern it, and having presented DAVID L. SMITH as their candidate for Mayor, they should support and elect him, or abandon, altogether, their party organization. No party can keep itself up that allows itself to be beaten in such contests, and we appeal to our party friends over the Allegheny to stand by their party organization. It has been their *mainstay, in times that are past*, and it is their one, reliable hope for the future. Stand by it, like men. The Republican party is the hope of the city, the county, the State, and the nation; and its supremacy and success can be maintained only by keeping good faith with its nominations.

Mr. SMITH is an active, energetic worker, and, like Mr. MCCARTHY, one of the old anti-slavery band. He has the confidence of the people among whom he lives, and that is as strong a personal indorsement as he could well obtain. He will, we have no doubt, make a good Mayor, and we bespeak for him the support of all those Republicans who believe in the supremacy of their principles and the organization which represents them.

POLITICAL FOSSILS.

The Democratic candidate for Mayor is a thing of the past. He belongs to the former ages. He and the younger men of to-day, what the plesiosaurus and the megalosaurus are to the animals of the present era. He was an oldish man when MCCARTHY was a boy; and although intensely respectable, belongs to that class known as Bourbons, who never either learn or forget anything. Thirty and more years ago, NEVILLE B. CRAIG catalogued him as one of the Royal Family of Pennsylvania—composed of the WILKINS, DALLAS and BACHE families—and some of them, it was then believed, were always in office, either for life, or as permanently as possible. The name of JOHN B. GUTHRIE shone prominently in this list, and although that was a generation ago, he managed, we believe, to keep his place until the Republicans came into power in 1861.

He may fairly, therefore, claim our reverence for his venerable age; but does Pittsburgh need his antiquated service in the Mayor's office? Does she not, rather, need the more vigorous rule which follows the possession of younger blood? Old men for counsel, and young men for action. This is a young, thriving, growing, busy, active city, and she needs a Mayor in harmony with her bustling and go-ahead spirit. We respect Mr. GUTHRIE for what he is; but we want a Mayor for this bee-hive of industrious citizens who is in the hey-day of active life, and not a claimant for a pension.

Mr. GUTHRIE, we take it, has had his share of office. He has been very well taken care of. When the Democratic party was in power it provided for him, as in duty bound, but it has passed away, and its barnacles should pass away with it. Let him be content with what he has had, and reconcile himself to the inevitability of his defeat. HAVEMEYER, it is said, was a good Mayor, in New York, twenty years ago; but the HAVEMEYER of to-day is a total failure. He has lost the energy and clear-sightedness of his youth, and is attempting to govern the New York of 1874 with the traditions that prevailed in 1854. He is, consequently, a failure—a miserable, contemptible failure; and we mean no disrespect to Mr. GUTHRIE when we say that we do not want a repetition of the HAVEMEYER experiment in this goodly city of Pittsburgh.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION.

A local German contemporary devotes nearly a column of yesterday's issue to a criticism of an article on the subject of "American Religion," which appeared in the COMMERCIAL of Thursday. Since the article seemed to our neighbor worthy of criticism, one cannot but regret that it did not also seem to him worthy of being read with such attention as to be understood. Certainly to an attentive reader it must have been manifest that when writing generally of American religion and claiming for it useful influence in moulding American institutions and character, we intended to indicate not alone or even chiefly the present time, but the entire history of the country. Neither precise discrimination of historical periods nor elucidation of religious tendencies had any place in the article. It was, moreover, taken for granted that all intelligent readers possess at least some idea, however vague, of the prevalent type of American Christianity. Partly as the result of early Puritan influence, and partly in consequence of the entire absence of a State church, religion has always in this country been apprehended by the average understanding as an intensely personal, individual affair. It has always, for the most part, been conceived as consisting not only in certain doctrines but in certain spiritual exercises of which consciousness takes cognizance, and which constitute the foundation and source of certain observances and of certain lines of conduct and living, generally recognized as appropriate to and characteristic of those who profess to be Christians. While different sects have somewhat differed from one another in respect to the rigor or laxity with which they have preached or exacted conformity to the general standard, it is undoubtedly true that the notion of Christianity thus rudely expressed, has never ceased to be the prevailing one among American Protestants, while in the old countries of Protestant Europe the great multitude even of religious people have been satisfied with a much less definite conception of the faith. Among many, and especially in some periods, the sacramental system has prevailed, the effect, the beneficent effect, of which, say some, is to relieve the individual of anxious concern and questionings about his own spiritual state. Among others, especially during certain periods, mere dry, unsifted orthodoxy has prevailed, its ministers being content to preach sound doctrine, and to regard its acceptance by their hearers as satisfactory evidence of their being in a healthy spiritual condition.

Now it would be safe to infer that whenever in a monarchical country either sacerdotalism, that is, sacramentalism, or dry, osseous orthodoxy prevailed, the clergy and the ruling classes would be, if not hostile, at least indifferent to the education of the people. And this inference is completely sustained by history. As to England, HERBERT SPENCER has lately directed attention to the very modern interest of the English clergy in popular instruction, and every one is familiar with the relation between religious vitality and popular instruction in Scotland. A still more striking illustration, however, is the one we incidentally referred to the other day—the zeal with which German pietists have always labored in promoting the education of the people.

While our German neighbor pleases himself with the purely gratuitous and groundless fancy that in our remark on the subject we confounded the historical use of the word pietist with the slang term so often in the mouths of ignorant or half-educated German journalists of the present day as a term of reproach, he betrays his own exceedingly imperfect knowledge of the subject on which he dilates. Dr. KELLER in crediting pietists with successful activity in the cause of popular education intended, as more than once appears in his book, to recognize religious earnestness as the inspiration of their labors. In German theological literature, with which apparently our neighbor has slight acquaintance, the word pietism is frequently used to denote not only the particular system and methods of SPENER and FRANCKE but the religious tendency which in Great Britain and the United States is justly characterized as a remnant or modification of the old Puritan religious sentiment. Though in some sense Puritanism is doubtless dead among us, it has left a very deep impression upon American religious thought, and no one can look into the writings of the Swabian school of pietists, formerly much read by American clergymen, without perceiving how closely the two religious tendencies agree. It is therefore certainly a significant fact that in nations so far apart and so unlike each other in character and circumstances the religious development should be marked by the same decided tendency in the direction of the education of the people.

Neither formerly nor now do we attempt anything more than to indicate facts and their obvious implication. We have nothing to say about the deterioration or evil outgrowths of the religious tendency in either case. The alleged hypocrisy of so-styled "Christian statesmen" and the fanaticism of less exalted professors seem to us quite irrelevant to any rational or decent treatment of the subject.

THE ALLEGHENY MAYORALTY.

The *Mail* is making fierce attacks upon DAVID L. SMITH, Esq., the regular Republican nominee for Mayor of Allegheny, but neither Mr. SMITH's character nor his chances for election are likely to be damaged in the least by indiscriminate onslaughts from that quarter. The nominations were open to all; the balloting was conducted under the Crawford county system, and Mr. SMITH was regularly nominated, as appeared from the returns made to the City Executive Committee. The canvass was gone into under the well understood rules of the party, and every good Republican should give his earnest support to the nominee.

WHEN—especially in a community distinguished, like Pittsburgh, for its unswerving fidelity to the interests of liberty and humanity—two or more candidates suffer at the hands of the people arise—other things being equal, the claimant whose record shows best for patriotic service and sacrifice in the cause of his country, is clearly the best entitled to the suffrages of his fellow-citizens. Aside from the important fact—which of itself alone should have sufficient weight to determine the result—that, while the claims of the Republican candidate for City Controller are based on reliability of character, proved business capacity, and protracted official experience as regards the duties of the office for which he has been nominated, his opponent is a wholly new and untried man, the part which Mr. SNODGRASS bore during the war of the rebellion does him marked credit and honor, and ought strongly to reinforce his already stout hold upon the voters of Pittsburgh. Mr. SNODGRASS served with distinction in a Pennsylvania regiment during the war, being promoted from the ranks to a Captaincy for meritorious conduct, and receiving an honorable discharge from the government upon the muster out of the Union forces. Far removed as, by lapse of time, we to-day are from the actual abnegations and endurances of those memorable years, we are by no means removed from their still vitalizing and ennobling memories and inspirations; as, we think, will be sufficiently attested by the handsome majority of votes which Mr. SNODGRASS will, next Tuesday, receive.

WHERE was Mr. GUTHRIE in 1861, when the war broke out? Where were his sympathies? With whom did he fraternize in the struggle for national life which began in that year? No one needs to ask such questions about MCCARTHY. Everybody knows that his heart and hand were with those who labored to save the Republic from extinction; but he would be a bold man who would say that much of his opponent. We do not know that the rebel archives at Washington would, if they could turn up such condemnatory letters of his as was brought to light in CUSHING's case; but we do know that he had nothing in common with those who patriotically laid down their lives in their country's cause. The down-trodden slave was never bettered by prayer or aspiration of his; and the successful abolition of slavery was accomplished against, and not with, his efforts. If the nation had been made of such men as he, there never would have been any fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution to glory over, no national progress to boast of, no victorious flag to cherish; and when the trumpet sounds out in 1876 that the day of Jubilee has come, we want no such man as this for Mayor.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Forney's friend Gray is understood to be writing an elegy on the graveyard of his political aspirations.

Yale fellows well met. The new Chief Justice is to be invited to a welcome dinner by the alumni of Yale College who live in Washington.

An Eastern paper defines a prima donna as "a compound of vulture and nightingale." It means she preys and sings, which is much to her praise, and speaks highly of her talons.

New Yorkers are discussing the question whether taking a bath causes death. Why don't they appoint Dana a committee of one to test the matter by actual trial?

A number of publishers of obscene literature have been arrested in Chicago. The *Times*, however, is still issued.

The South Carolina colored politician has invented a new word for the times—"insinuendo." Make room for it, O! Unabridged.

Yesterday an old toper, learning for the first time that the women in Ohio are emptying barrels of whisky into the gutters, pathetically exclaimed, "What happiness to be an Ohio gutter."

An Indiana Reform candidate denounces the administration "for taking the tax off pianers, wat we don't use, and keepin' it on whisky, wat we do."

A sage Detroit paper reviews "*Blackwood's* for the quarter beginning in January." This is the only instance on record of a quarterly published once a month for more than half a century.

The Legislature of Maryland is seeking to interfere with the sacred rights of its citizens. A bill has just been introduced to "prevent the carrying of weapons while attending places of divine worship!"

One of the most blatant rebel editors in Texas has been appointed Superintendent of the Blind Asylum. Very appropriate—a politically blind man to teach the physically blind.

An association has been formed, called the "American Railway Literary Union," for the purpose of banishing improper literature from railroad trains in this country.

The aggregate coinage of the three United States mints during the past fiscal year was $2,523,670 pieces, of the value of $38,689,183.

South Windham, Conn., is undergoing a terrible affliction in the ravages of small-pox. The disease has attacked every house in the village.

The books of the British consul in Chicago show that the direct shipment of grain for the last year, not including flour, from that port to Liverpool, amounted to more than 1,500,000 bushels.

There are over fourteen and a half millions of children of the school age in this country.

Maine is going into the cheese business pretty heavily. Petitions for the incorporation of no less than twelve factory companies are before the Legislature.

The total value of exports from Boston during the month of January was $2,817,124, against $2,469,340 in the corresponding month of 1873.

A Nashville mechanic has invented a freight car seal-lock said to be altogether better than anything now in use.

The Island of Ceylon has had its first census taken, from which it appears that the population is 2,500,000. A very curious effect of the census was to cause a large number of marriages, a report having been spread that it was intended to ship all the unmarried people to France.

Weekly payments by government are urged upon the ground that the increased trouble and expense would be trifling compared with the benefits that would accrue to all parties concerned.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants of the mountain districts of Kentucky and Tennessee is distilling liquors and avoiding the revenue collectors.

It is coming out slowly that the government of the Washington monument fund has been scandalously mismanaged.

The last Marseilles market report shows that there was not a single bale of American cotton among the 9,215 bales remaining in stock.

The amount in the national treasury of Japan is no less than $25,000,000, including the last English loan, and the surplus revenue of 1873 was nearly $5,000,000.

The newspapers generally seem to approve the idea of an intercollegiate scholarship contest.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The revival at Rev. Dr. Pearson's church continues.

Rev. M. J. Montgomery, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, Pennsylvania avenue, has had prosperity in his church.

A revival in Johnstown Methodist Episcopal church resulted in the addition of three hundred and fifty to the church, Rev. A. J. Endsly, D.D., pastor.

Rev. A. P. Leonard, of Ligonier, Pa., Methodist Episcopal church has had a fine meeting, and quite a number of additions to his congregation.

Rev. M. M. Shaney, of Florence Methodist Episcopal church, has had three years of prosperity, and is highly esteemed.

Rev. T. H. Colhouer, pastor of the Fifth Methodist church, Soho, is having a good religious awakening in his church.

Rev. J. K. Cramer, of Elizabeth, has been assisting Rev. Isaac Banks, during the week, in the First Baptist church, South Side.

We learn that Rev. J. D. Herr, of East Liberty, has been quite ill for some days.

Rev. L. Maguire, who has been holding meeting at Bingham street Methodist Episcopal church, was taken very ill in church on Tuesday evening last, and is unable to fill his pupil.

Rev. J. H. Hull will preach in the First Methodist church, Eighteenth street, South Side, on Sabbath.

Rev. J. J. Murray, D.D., pastor of the First Methodist church, Fifth avenue, is engaged in a series of sermons, on Sabbath evenings, on "The Future State." He has large congregations.

Rev. J. J. Hays, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, West Newton, is engaged in an interesting work, and closes up his ministry with good success in that place.

Philip Phillips gave a concert at Market Hall, South Side, on Thursday evening last. He is certainly one of the finest singers of the age.

The First Presbyterian church of Steubenville, Ohio, is being blessed with revival influence, as well as all the other churches in the city.

The Fourth United Presbyterian church, Rev. J. Gailey, pastor, at a recent communion received twenty-five members, and a good degree of interest is manifested in the congregation.

Freeport Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. N. P. Kerr, pastor, has had recently an addition of fifty-three members.

One hundred persons united with the Methodist church in Leechburg, Pa., at a meeting held by Rev. George Arblin, this winter.

Rev. J. M. Mason, pastor of the Methodist church, Amity, Pa., is in the midst of a gracious revival with twenty-five seekers at the altar. The community seems to be awakened to a sense of duty. May the good work go on.

Rev. E. K. Squiers, D.D., has resigned the charge of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in this city. We are sorry to hear that Dr. Squiers is thinking of leaving the city. He has many friends who will regret to part with him.

Rev. Mr. Parker, of Greensburg, will preach in St. Mark's Episcopal church, South Eighteenth street, next Sunday morning at 10½ o'clock.

Rev. G. H. Humphrey will preach at the Presbyterian church, South Side, next Sabbath, in the morning on "Excitement in Religion," and in the evening on "Dancing."

Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is richer, or happier, or wiser for it. It commends no one to society; it is disgusting to the refined, and abominable to the good.

A number of the clergymen of Jacksonville, Ills., have united in an invitation to Mr. Hammond, the great preacher, to visit that city.

Alexander Clark, of the *Methodist Recorder*, delivered a lecture in the City Hall, Tiffin, Ohio on Thursday evening last, for the benefit of the new Methodist church, of that city. Mr. Clark will preach at the Bellfield Presbyterian church, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, to-morrow morning and evening, 15th.

The new Episcopal Church movement, of which Bishop Cummins is the recognized leader, seems to have taken quite a hold in Virginia.

Rev. W. T. G. Shedd, D.D., has been elected Professor of Systematic Theology in Union Seminary, New York.

Rev. Lewis Bailey, editor and proprietor of the *Free Methodist*, published at Aurora, Illinois, died recently, in his forty-first year.

A young Ohio lady has applied for admission to the School of Theology, Boston University. She argues her case well, but the doors of the seminary won't open to her.

Rev. D. R. Miller, Endowment Agent of the Otterbein University of the United Brethren Church, pleads, through the columns of the *Religious Telescope*, for the endowment of a lady's professorship in that institution.

Rev. J. H. Vincent, D.D., of New York, will deliver his lecture, entitled "That Boy," in the Methodist Episcopal church in Bellevue, Ohio, Monday evening, February 16th. The Doctor spends Sabbath, 15th, in Delaware, Ohio.

Rev. Dr. J. B. McFerrin, of Nashville, Tenn., has consented, after solicitation by many friends, to write a history of the work in the "Army of Tennessee," with accompanying incidents, during the progress of the late war between the United States and the "Confederate States."

Among the Pennsylvania Germans there is a religious sect called the Schwenkfelders. They go behind even the famous "Prayer-book of 1785," for their principal book is entitled "Corvehina; or, First Instruction in Christian Doctrine; Needful and Profitable for all Christian Disciples, Young and Old, to Exercise Themselves Therein; printed at Philadelphia, 1734."

Several of the Sunday schools belonging to the Protestant Episcopal church in Philadelphia have a membership of over six hundred each, and three of them of over one thousand each. The denomination has in the city eighty-one schools, 1,864 teachers, and 20,458 scholars.

Dr. Summers, of the Nashville *Advocate*, thinks that pastors in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, cannot form any catechetical classes outside of the Sunday school itself. He suggests that one Sabbath, at least once a quarter, be used by the pastor in exercising the Sunday school on the Catechism.

Rev. Isaac James, M. D., said to be the oldest Methodist local preacher in America, died January 21st, near Bustleton, Pa. He was born in Radnor, Pa., January 28, 1777. He was eighty-four years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his commencement of his ministry dates back seventy-five years.

The Rev. Dr. Caird, of the Church of Scotland and Principal of the University of Glasgow, is charged with heresy by an elder named Wallace. Dr. Caird is accused of preaching the doctrine that "a man is not responsible for his religious belief." Dr. Caird denies that he has preached any such doctrine.

The Old Catholics of Vienna have petitioned the Austrian government to recognize Bishop Reinkens, the German government having done so. The Vienna Cabinet has refused this request, on the ground that the old Catholics have not been recognized by Austria.

Rev. Joseph D. Wilson, of this city, has accepted a call to the Reformed Episcopal church in Peoria, Illinois. This is another valuable accession to the Cummins movement. Mr. Wilson has been, until now, the rector of an important Protestant Episcopal church.

Earl Russell, in a letter on the ecclesiastical troubles of Prussia, commits his sympathy to the cause of the empire, and says the same principles which led him to ask for equal freedom for Roman Catholic, Jew and Protestant Dissenter leads him to protest against a conspiracy which aims to bind Prussia with chains never to be shaken off.

Rev. Eleazer Smith, for twelve and a half years chaplain of the State Prison at Concord, New Hampshire, says of the three hundred convicts in the prison during that time not one has been taken from any of the learned professions—not one lawyer, physician or clergyman known and recognized as such by any of the associate bodies of any of their professions.

The Bishop of Nismes, France, has received, as a reply to a recent pastoral, two visiting cards, one from Mme. Hyacinthe de Loyson and the other from Hyacinthe Loyson, cure of Geneva, on which are written the following: "With our Christian pardon for the gross insults which you have heaped upon us."

An all day prayer meeting for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the ministers and Sunday school teachers, business men, and all others, was held Wednesday, February 4th, in the Friends' meeting house, corner Mound and Eighth streets, Cincinnati, Ohio. During the afternoon three ladies, Mrs. Bishop Clark, Miss Smiley, and Miss Lathrop—acted as conductors of the meeting, serving each an hour. The meeting has resulted in the re-establishment of the morning prayer meeting for business men.

An extensive revival is in progress in the Lafayette avenue Presbyterian church, Brooklyn, New York, Rev. T. L. Cuyler, pastor. This church, which has the largest membership of any Presbyterian church in the United States, had its origin in the humblest sort of way, in a small wooden shanty. It commenced as a revival church, and has never lost its character. In all its history, not a year has passed without a revival of a marked type. The chief men of the organization have always been radical temperance and anti-slavery men, and nearly every male member of prominence is a teacher or worker in the Sunday school.

In her introductory remarks at her Bible meeting of Tuesday, February 3d, Miss Smiley spoke of three things in regard to her study of the word: 1. A good-typed reference Bible; 2. Cruden's Unabridged Concordance; and 3. The Englishman's Greek Concordance. With these she had prosecuted her studies of the Scriptures, and had seldom had occasion to use or refer to Commentaries. The Bible, she thought, was its own best interpreter.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Cummings, President of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., has resigned his office to the regret of all connected with the institution. During his presidency of seventeen years, over half a million of dollars was added to the property of the University, including four new buildings, and its influence was widely extended.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

FOR MAYOR,
WILLIAM C. MCCARTHY.

FOR TREASURER,
CHRISTOPHER L. MAGEE.

FOR CONTROLLER,
ROBERT M. SNODGRASS.

SPECIAL LEGISLATION.

How Applications for Local or Special Legislation are to be Made.

The Governor has approved the act of Assembly regulating the publication of applications for local or special legislation, and it is consequently now a law of the State. The following is a correct copy of the law, which we publish for the benefit of all concerned:

An act regulating the publication of applications for local or special legislation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That no local or special bill, either to repeal or enact a law, shall be passed by the Legislature unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall be published in the locality where the matter or thing to be affected may be situated, which notice shall state specifically the title and objects of the bill, and shall be published by not less than four insertions in at least two daily or weekly newspapers, one of which may be in a language other than English, once a week for four consecutive weeks, printed in the county, or in each of the several counties where such matter or thing to be affected may be situated; the first insertion to be at least thirty days prior to, and within three months immediately preceding the introduction of such bill into the General Assembly, and be signed by at least one of the parties applying therefor: *Provided*, That the publication in one newspaper shall be deemed sufficient where but one is published in the county or counties aforesaid.

SEC. 2. The evidence of the publication aforesaid shall be by attaching to a bill a copy or copies, as the case may be, of said notice, verified by the affidavit of the owner, publisher, editor or foreman of each of the several newspapers in which said notice is by this act required to be published of due compliance with the preceding section.

SEC. 3. That when such local or special bill shall effect any matter or things situated in any city or borough, said publication shall be in two of the newspapers published in said city or borough of different politics, if so many there be, and if there be but one, a publication in that one shall be deemed sufficient; if there be no newspaper published in said city or borough, then by publication in the newspaper or newspapers of the county in which said city or borough is located, as provided in the first section of this act.

Approved February 12, 1874.

PERSONAL.

A Granger member of the Iowa Legislature, who is also a church elder, happening the other day to fall asleep during a debate, was awakened from his unseasonable slumbers by a vigorous poke in the ribs, administered by a brother Granger, with the intimation that the House was about to vote on the question. Startled from his deep sleep, and forgetful for the moment of his new position, he rubbed his eyes and vociferously re-perpetually cried: Lord in his prayer, Brother Cobb!" The effect of the ejaculation may be more readily imagined than described. Roar would convey a faint idea of the laughter that followed.

A few days ago, as Tweed was sitting with his fellow-convicts at dinner, some of the ceiling of the room suddenly fell. The Blackwell's Island doctor looked up and jokingly observed, "that must be some of Garvey's plastering;" whereat Garvey's whilom ring-painter smiled audibly.

A grand-daughter of General Harrison, once President of the United States, is teaching school at Mt. Auburn, and the fact is commented upon as something extraordinary. Why the grand-daughter of a President should not teach school is a question that should be permitted to concern only the lady herself.

Fame is to be deserved. Listen to the Sheboygan (Wis.) *Herald*:

"Many of our citizens attended the Italian Opera in Milwaukee, on Monday evening. A lady named Nilsson sang on that occasion, and is said to have done pretty well."

"A lady named Nilsson," indeed! The *Herald* will next speak of a tigentleman named Washington."

Sad is the story of Henry E. Bowers, a New Haven youth, who fell in love with an Indianapolis belle at school in New Haven. She went home some time ago, and a correspondence and then an engagement followed; but a few days ago he and a party of friends took an Indianapolis in a palace car chartered for the purpose, with lots of presents for the wedding, but when he got there the girl refused to have him.

Nothing is more certain than that water will find its level. On Christmas day last, at Marion, Ohio, Mr. John C. Water was married to Miss Caroline Level. There is a poem, not by Tennyson, which commences:

"Water and Level will not go to do,
She done it with a zest;
No matter what her contract was,
She done her Level best."

By an ordinance passed in the Rhenish city of the Twenty-third ward, City of Pittsburgh, will hereafter meet at the new Public School Building, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-fourth ward, City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Second precinct of the Borough of Mount Washington, to meet at the Public School House No. 2, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and two members of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-fifth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Boroughs of Temperanceville and Birmingham, will meet at Public School House No. 1, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and two members of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-sixth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the First precinct of the Borough of Allentown, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-seventh ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Second precinct of the Borough of Birmingham, will meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-eighth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the First precinct of the Borough of Birmingham, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Twenty-ninth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of South Pittsburgh, to meet at the building lately occupied by Gregg & Mc-Clure, on the north side of Carson street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirtieth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Allentown, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirty-first ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Mount Washington, to meet at the School House in said ward and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirty-third ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

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The Electors of the Thirty-sixth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirty-seventh ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirty-eighth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Thirty-ninth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Fortieth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-first ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-second ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-third ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-fourth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-fifth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-sixth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-seventh ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council and one member of Common Council.

The Electors of the Forty-eighth ward of the City of Pittsburgh, composed of the Borough of Temperanceville, to meet at the Public School House, in said ward, and elect one member of Select Council

FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, February 13, 1874.

The very disagreeable condition of the streets has kept in doors all who were not compelled to be abroad, and transactions of the day have been limited in amount and but meagerly reported.

The banks evince much caution in accepting paper offered for discount, the wise men composing most of the boards wishing to take at least twenty-four hours to make examination and report. As a result, customers grow restive under what they consider an undue espionage of their affairs, yet, the banks holding the purse strings, they can't help themselves. Too often it happens, and we have some such cases in mind, that only certain pets of the managers of the bank are able to get prompt action on their requests for funds. Some concerns that seemed to go swimmingly through the panic without apparent difficulty, to the astonishment of the public, who are not posted as to how bank boards are run and how special funds are held back from being distributed to creditors, and are kept on deposit for the purpose of helping large borrowers, were undoubtedly indebted to such source for their successful financiering.

Bill brokers of experience know more than they tell, of the way the machine is made to run, but the statement cannot be contradicted that the heaviest losses sustained by our banks have come from just such favoritism to special names that are reputed good and whose credit is sustained long after the foundation has dropped away.

If a greater disposition to accommodate small traders with moderate loans, rather than to give the bulk of the bank's funds to the large borrowers were shown, the result would be to lessen the losses of the banks and to help industrious men to expand their business in a legitimate manner.

—The stock market is still active although feverish and largely dependent on the action of the Treasury in its issues and withdrawals of the legal tenders. Speculation now hinges on the volume of the greenback circulation and this is likely to be the case until Congress legislates finally upon the amount of legal tenders to be issued.

A quick decision in this regard would remove a gravely discordant element of trouble and disturbance and would be hailed with joy by all engaged in financial business. It is not so much whether the maximum currency is $356,000,000, or $400,000,000, but it is the constant fluctuation from day to day which causes a corresponding fluctuation in values.

—In the sales of stocks we note some 10,000 shares of Boston, Hartford and Erie. In this specialty a decision has at last been reached in the long pending litigation, instituted in the State of Connecticut, for the object of securing a judicial dissolution of the company, and the forfeiture of its charter; really to wipe the stock out of legal existence. From the Superior Court the case went to the Supreme Court of the State—that of last resort. The latter has now rendered its decision granting the prayer of the plaintiff, and directing an order of dissolution of the company. With this decision ends numerous and tedious litigations concerning the Boston, Hartford and Erie Railroad, which has no longer a legal life, and so we bid good-bye to an old friend, from whose capricious moods we have ourselves turned an honest penny.

—The *Nation* presents the following condensed statement of the phases through which the legal tenders have been passing since their issue. The changing views of the public, as here presented, are wonderfully true:

The evils of delay in dealing with the problem are admirably illustrated by the various phases through which the government promises-to-pay have gone, as we will now say in popular estimation, not in the estimation of a large body of politicians, since 1861. The greenback, since first issued, has been:

1. A cheap evidence of debt, contracted by a forced loan as a war measure, issued with great timidity and shamefacedness, for a short time only, and soon to be turned into gold-bearing bonds.

2. A very good kind of money as a make-shift, and caused no disturbance in trade and industry than one would have expected.

3. A very useful money, inasmuch as it prevents panics and bank suspensions.

4. The people's money, par excellence, as opposed to gold and silver, the bankers' and aristocrat's money, and as being issued by the people's government.

5. The true American and democratic money, inasmuch as it will only circulate in the United States, and is, therefore, in all probability, the money of the future for all mankind.

6. "The best currency the world ever saw," and one of the happiest and greatest of recent inventions, and capable of being indefinitely improved in quality by being increased in quantity.

As a promissory note, too, the greenback has gone through the three stages of a coin, a note payable at the earliest possible moment, (b) a note payable when convenient; and (c) not a promissory note at all, but a sign of value, and, according to some, a species of wealth.

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, &c., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange, during the day. Furnished by Luther S. Kauffman, broker, 96 Fourth avenue:

February 13, 1874.	10:30.	11:30.	12:30.	1:30.	2:30.	3:30.
	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾	11¾
Gold	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾	112¾
Western Union Tel'g'h	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞
Quick Silver						
Pacific Mail	43¼	43¼	43¾	43⅝	43⅝	43⅝
Adams Express						
Wells-Fargo Express	77	77	77	77	77	77
American Express	64	64	64¼	64⅛	64⅛	64⅛
United States Express				71¾		71
New York Central	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾
Erie	48	48¼	48¼	48¼	48¼	48¼
Michigan Central	91¾	91¾	92	92	92	92
Michigan Southern	82¾	82¾	83¼	83¼	83¼	83¼
Illinois Central						
Cleveland & Pittsburgh	86¾	86¾	86¾	86¾	86¾	86¾
Chicago & North-western	65¾	65¾	65¾	65¾	65¾	65¾
Do Preferred	76¾	76¾	76¾	76¾	76¾	76¾
Rock Island	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾
St. Paul	47¼	47¼	47¼			47¼
Do Preferred	77	77	77			77
Wabash	22¾	22¾	23			23
Fort Wayne	92½	92½	92½			92½
Ohio and Mississippi	35¾	35¾	35¾			35¾
Union Pacific	29¾	29¾	30			30
Chicago and Alton	110					
Boston, Hartford & Erie						
Harlem	129½	130½	130½			130¼

—Luther S. Kauffman, banker, No. 96 Fourth avenue, furnishes the following quotations of bonds from the latest advices by telegraph:

GOVERNMENTS.

Gold	112¾
U. S. 6s, 1881, coupons	120
5-20s, 1862	117¾
5-20s, 1864	119¾
5-20s, 1865	119¾
5-20s, new	119
5-20s, 1867	119¾
5-20s, 1868	119¾
10-40s, coupons	119¾
10-40s, compons	115¾
Currency 6s	116¾
New 5 per cents	110¾

—Robinson & Co., bankers, Fourth avenue, furnish the following report of active stocks at the Philadelphia Board:

Penna. R. R.	51¾
Penna. Scrip	97¾
Reading	51¾
United Co.'s N. J.	193
Oil Creek	18¾
Lehigh Valley	60
A. V. R. R. 7-30	92
Central Transportation	49¾
Empire Transportation	50¾
P. C. and St. Louis 7's (old)	69

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, February 13, 1874.

REMARKS—Rain over head and mud and water under foot are not by any means conducive to a brisk market. Such was the condition of affairs during the entire day, which had the effect of largely increasing the volume of trade in almost every department.

That there will be a rise in the waters is now a foregone conclusion, its height being the only question in doubt. This being the case, ice dealers will have to "wait and watch for the good time coming."

If the magnates at Washington could hear the views of practical business men on the currency question, they would cease speech-making and settle the matter one way or the other at once. Then business men could shape their courses accordingly.

We have little or no change to note in prices. The recent decline in freight rates is still adhered to, and sales are made at the reduced figures.

The grain market presents no new features worthy of special mention. The receipts of choice wheat are scarce up with the demand by the mills, which take all offering. Corn and oats are in fair supply, with a better inquiry. Barley is arriving freely, but mostly on brewers' orders. Rye is not much sought after.

With regard to the flour trade, it remains in statu quo. The stocks on hand are ample and the receipts liberal. Prices show no signs of dropping, and holders do not seem inclined to make concessions to effect sales.

The fruit and vegetable trade is unusually active for the season, and should the weather prove propitious, large receipts of apples, potatoes, etc., may be looked for for the next few days.

There is better demand for clover and timothy seed as the spring season approaches, and many farmers are taking advantage of the market to lay in their stocks.

Wheat butter will be in good supply and sell at "living" prices we have no doubt enough to forestall. Perhaps, not until the grass grows in the spring.

As before noticed, there has been a sharp advance in cheese, and as most of our city dealers are well stocked, they are in nowise displeased with the situation.

Bacon and provisions continue quiet, firm and unchanged in prices. As we have remarked before, stocks held by dealers are full and complete, having been purchased and secured with a view to meet the wants and tastes of the market.

The supply of potatoes falls below the demand and the late advance is still maintained, though it is thought the present mild weather will have the effect of increasing the receipts, which will reduce prices.

Below will be found the receipts of the leading articles of produce for the past twenty-four hours:

Flour, bbls	419	Apples, bbls	419
Corn, sks	1,284	Wheat, bush	1,726
Barley, sks	1,151	Rye, sks	262
Oats, sks	1,907	Hides, pcs	144
Bacon, lbs	20	Potatoes, bush	1,650

Below we give the wholesale rates of the market unless special mention is made to the contrary:

APPLES—Sales of choice apples at $4 00@4 50; inferior $2 12½@3 00 ₱ bbl.

ASHES—Pearls are quiet, common 3¾@4c; refined, 8c; potash, 9c; pearl, 10c; strictly prime to choice, 10c.

APPLE BUTTER—Sales at 50@52c ₱ gal.

ALCOHOL—Sales 200 bbls 188 deg. proof alcohol at 90c ₱ gal; Bass's English ale, in kitchen, at $2 22 gals $22 75 per 5 bbls; Bass' pale ale $12 25@12 75; bins, 68 gals $62 00 @66 00; in cases, 4 doz, $22; Wm. Younger's India pale ale, in cases of 8 doz bottles $3 9 doz; Younger's sparkling ale, $3 ₱ doz; Guinness's stout, bottled by A Burke, $3 ₱ doz; Jaurrell & Cousman's ginger ale, $2 25 ₱ doz; Cassell, Hazard & Co's ginger ale, $1 75@2 ₱ doz.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—Market unchanged at the following figures: Bacon, sugar cured hams, 9 ₱ lb, 100 shoulders, extra, sugar cured 9½c, ₱ lb; sugar cured bacon, sugar cured, 1883 dried beef, extra, sugar cured 9 ₱ lb, 16c; beef tongues, extra sugar cured 6 doz, $7 50; boneless shoulders 9 ₱ lb, 8½c; canvassed hams 9 ₱ lb, 9½c; sugar cured ham 10 ₱ lb, 10c; boneless ham, sides, 10½c ₱ lb; mess pork $18 75; lard, prime and in tierces, 9 ₱ lb, 10c; refined do for summer use, in half bbls, 10c ₱ lb; refined bacon, sugar cured, in packets, 10 ₱ lb; lard, refined, in 3 lb cookies, 9 ₱ lb, 12½c; refined do in 5 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 12½c; refined do in 3 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13c; refined do in 5 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13½c; refined do in 6 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13½c; ham sausage, 20c.

BUTTER—Wequette strictly prime table butter at 35 @40c; choice 30@35c; fair 28@30c; common 12@18c.

BRAN—Choice white new at $1 00@1 05 ₱ bushel.

BROOM CORN—Sales of red and red tipped at 5½@6¾c; fair to good green 7¾@8¾c; hurl 9½@10c ₱ lb.

BONAX—Prices unchanged at 20c ₱ lb.

BROOMS—No 2, $2 ₱ doz; No 8, $3 50 ₱ doz; No 4, $4 ₱ doz; No 5, $5 ₱ doz; 4 doz carpet brooms $3 ₱ doz; toy brooms and whisks $1 50@2 00. In a jobbing way, from store, 25@37½c ₱ dozen additional.

BANNER BAKING POWDER—In cans ₱ doz at $1 60; ½ do $3; 1 lb do $5 50; 5 lb cans $21; 10 lb do $38, ₱ can.

CASTOR OIL—Sales f. o. b. at wharfs at 13¾c with the usual advance on small lots from store.

CANDLES—Tompkins, 7 ₱ cake, ₱ doz, $2; 3 lb peaches, ₱ doz, $2 50; 3 lb pie peaches, ₱ doz, $2 50; Whitney's extra, $2 50@3 00 ₱ doz; Portland sugar corn $2 75 ₱ doz; 3 lb tomatoes, ₱ doz, $2 25@ 2 50; 3 lb peaches, ₱ doz, $3 50; 3 lb pumpkin, ₱ doz, $2 50.

CHEESE—Ohio dairy at 12½@12c; prime Ohio factory, September make, 12½@12c; to the trade, and 1c off for round lots; Young America, 13c; Northern 12c. Prime to choice Ohio Swedzer 16@16c.

CIDER—$5 to $9 ₱ barrel according to quality.

CRANBERRIES—10 to $13 ₱ bbl; $3 50 to $4 ₱ box.

CONCENTRATED LYE—Sales at $1 50@8 ₱ case of four one-pound pa kages.

CRACKERS—Lemon biscuit, 11½c; ginger snaps, 12¼c; oyster crackers, 7c; soda crackers, 7c; sugar crackers, 9½c; butter crackers, 7c; water crackers, 7½c ₱ lb.

CURRENT—Youghiogeny, $1 95@2 00; Beeson's Phœnix, $1 50@3 00; Louisville, $2 25@3 50; Rosedale, $4 00@4 50; white lime, $4; calcined plaster, $4 50; lath plaster, $2@2 50.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples 8@10c; prime peaches, halves 14@15c; peaches unstuffed 18@20c; blackberries 14@15c.

DRESSED HOGS—Sales at 6 26@6 37½.

EGGS—Are weak at 20@22c for strictly fresh; pickled 15c per dozen.

FEEDS—The market remains firm and unchanged. We quote as follows: St. Louis $9 50; fancy Indiana $8 75; choice Ohio $8 25; Minnesota $7 50; Wisconsin $7 25.

FISH—The market is reported rather dull.

AXLE GREASE—Sales are reported as follows: Harvey's ₱ box, 5c; 6c ₱ lb; 25 lb pails, 6c; kegs ₱ lb, 5c; cans 3 lb ₱ doz $2 50.

FISH—No 1 extra mess mackerel $36; No 1 mess mackerel $24; No 1 shore mackerel $22; extra No 1 bay mackerel $19; No 1 bay mackerel $17; extra No 2 mackerel $15; No 2 bay mackerel $14; large No 3 mackerel $12 50; No 3 mackerel $10; split Labrador herring $6@8; white fish $7 50@8; lake trout $7@ 7 50; large Georges codfish $7@7 50 ₱ 100; medium Georges codfish $6 50 ₱ 100; red herring, scales, 50c ₱ box; No 1 25c ₱ box.

FEATHERS—No 1 75@80c ₱ lb; No 2 @ 70@72c, as to quality and quantity.

GROCERIES—Following are the corrected figures of the market at which sales are now made:

Coffee—Green, choice, 34c; prime 33c; good 30@ 31c; fair 29@30c; Java 38 to 40c. Roasted coffee—In papers 38c; in tins 38c; Java 42c.

Tea—Young Hyson, Scos $1 10 ₱ lb; Gunpowder Scos $1 20; imperial, Scos $1 ₱ lb; Japan, 55c; 25 lb ₱ lb; Oolong, 20@50c ₱ lb; fancy, $1 ₱ lb; Souchon 25@50c ₱ lb.

Sugars—Standard Ex. C, 10¼c; Standard B, 10¾c; Standard A, 10¾c; Standard hards, 11½c.

Molasses—Strictly prime New Orleans, 76c; choice, 80c, and scarce; old or p. 60@65c; and little in market.

Syrups—Extra White Drips, 70c; Sugar Dirps, 65c; lower grades, 45@60c, as to quality.

Rice—Choice Carolina, 9@9½c; Patna, 8@8½c; Rangoon 8c.

Grain—As before remarked, the stocks are light of wheat, as the mills take it good to-day. We quote as follows: Red winter wheat $1 06@1 65, and $1 65@1 75 for amber and white. Oats—Prime white 54@56c, and mixed 50@53c. Corn—Prime yellow, shelled, old at 78@80c; mixed 68@70c; old ear 72@ 76c; and new prime at 70@72c; new shelled, 73@75c. Rye $1 10@1 15; barley, No 2 $1 60@1 70.

HONEY—Choice clover 40@ 45; buckwheat 30 @35c.

HOMINY—Sales at $1 50@5 25 ₱ bbl.

HIDES—Sales at 8@8½c; 1870's 7½@8c; 1871's 7½ @8c.

HAY—Baled on wharf and track $18@22 ₱ ton; loose on wagon $25@28.

SADDLES—Cases of 6 dozen, $6; hand sap dle, cases of 6 dozen, $5.

ONIONS—Sales at $6 00@7 50 ₱ bbl, the latter for silver skins.

LARD OIL—Winter strained 80c ₱ gallon; fall 75c.

PEAS—$1 65@1 75 ₱ bushel.

POTATOES—Prime peachblows quoted at $1 35@ 1 40 ₱ bushel in a jobbing way, and $1 45@1 50 on track.

RISING SUN STOVE POLISH—Retail dealers supplied at $6 ₱ gross.

SALT—By the car load $2 60 ₱ bbl; in a jobbing way $2 75 ₱ bbl.

SEEDS—Sales at 2¼@3c ₱ lb.

SKINS—Foxes $1 90@2 00; timothy seed $3 50@ 3 75; clover $5 50@6 00; ₱ bushel.

WHISKY—Market firm at $1 00@1 05 ₱ gal for high wines.

TALLOW—5½@6c ₱ lb.

GAME—Squirrels $1@1 50; per dozen; rabbits 20@ 25 per pair; venison saddles 10 ₱ lb, whole deer 7@ 10c; quail $1 75 ₱ dozen; wild turkeys $1 50@2 50 each; turkeys 14@16 ₱ lb; chickens 10@12½ ₱ lb; prairie chickens $3 50@4 00 ₱ dozen.

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE DAILY COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, February 14, 1874.

REMARKS—The oil market yesterday was weaker but no lower. Holders refuse to make concessions in order to effect sales; they contend that prices are as low as any reasonable dealer can expect. The rate at Parkers were: Upon the 12th, United $1 90 at 95 per barrel. Below will be found the transactions that were reported at

PARKER'S.

7,000 bbls Union.....$2 00@2 10
5,000 bbls United.....1 90@1 95

For prices at other points see dispatches.

REFINED.

The market was entirely devoid of animation, prices at the works being the same as the day previous, with sales by the car load at 13½c per gallon.

Philadelphia—Market quiet; spot 14½c; February 14½c; March, first half, 15c, last half 15½c; April, first half, 15½c, last 15¾c.

New York—Spot 14@15c; February 15¼c.

OIL BARRELS.

Market quiet, with sales city $1 75; country $1 70.

TITUSVILLE, February 13.—The "Courier" says: The market opened on upper road at about $2 00, and declined to $1 90, declined again, and at the close $2 00 was bid and $2 05 asked. At Parkers, in the evening, $1 95¾ was the ruling figure, but toward the middle of the afternoon. Union pipe $1 10a 2 33⅓; closed quiet. Sales:

1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	$2 00
1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	2 07½
500 bbls, upper road, spot	2 10
1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	2 10
1,000 bbls, upper road, spot	2 10
1,000 bbls, Parker's, spot, Union	2 10
1,000 bbls, Parker's, spot, Union	2 10
1,000 bbls, Parker's, spot, Union	2 00
1,000 bbls, Parker's, spot, Union	2 00
3,000 bbls, Parker's, spot, Union	2 10
1,000 bbls, Parker's, United	1 95
2,000 bbls, Parker's, United	1 95
1,000 bbls, Parker's, United	1 90
1,000 bbls, Parker's, United	1 90

PARKERS, February 13.—Market quiet and steady; United $1 90@1 95 @ Union pipe $1 95@2 00—$2 10 asked; Karns 1 85@1 90 bid.

OIL CITY, February 13.—Market weak at $2 00.

HOTCHKISS, LIL, February 13.—Market quiet and no business; quote at about $1 90.

TIDIOUTE, February 13.—Market quiet at $1 80.

PETROLEUM CENTRE, February 13.—Market quiet and steady at $1 90@2 00.

TITUSVILLE, February 12.—Market not opened yet; no disposition shown to operate by either buyer or seller. In the absence of sales we quote at $2 00a 2 05.

PHILADELPHIA, February 13.—Market quiet; S. W. crude, 14½c; case 19c; refined, 24c; home futures: February 14¾c; March 15a15½c; April 16¼@16½c.

NEW YORK, February 13.—Closing 12.—For crude in bulk there is an increased demand, with sales 6,000 bbls 12½c; 7,000 bbls each Wed. April and May at 8½; refined 19a19½c; 2,500 bbls sold, February at 15¼c; cases quiet at 24½c. Philadelphia market quiet at 14½c for refined.

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Rushwell	Standard O W	943
Owner	Peerless O W	474
Rushwell	Lively O W	466
Stevens &	Liberty O W	389
H & B	Citizens O W	468
Rushwell	Citizens O W	395
Owner	Peerless	475

Crude Oil Received by River and Rail.

Standard O W	943	Liberty O W 389
Peerless O W	949	Citizens O W 1,033
Total	4,651	

Refined Oil Shipped East by West Penn Railroad.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
E J Waring & Co	Waring, K & Co, Phila	650

Refined Oil Shipped East by A. V. R. R., W. P. C. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
C. Heggs & Co	Boyd & Thompson, N. Y.	65
Citizens Oil Co	Tack Bros, Phila	197
Total		262

WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE PIG IRON AND BLOOM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, SATURDAY, February 14, 1874.

The market for pig metal remains about the same as at date of last report, and the sales were confined entirely to lots offered below the regular market price.

There seems to be a complete stand off between the producers and consumers. Most of the latter appear to believe that there cannot be any advance beyond present prices, while some profess to believe that the prices will be lower in March, April and May than now. On the other hand, the producers say pig iron cannot be made and placed in the market below present price without purchasing ore, and therefore there is no danger of an over production, and they argue that, unless the consumption (which is now very large) is much reduced, there will be no difficulty in maintaining present rates, and many of them expect an advance of at least $2 to $3 per ton.

We are reported the following sales:

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM L. S. ORE.

500 tons gray neutral	$30 00—6 mos
200 tons No. 2	27 00—cash.
170 tons, a mixed lot	28 00—4 mos
150 tons gray forge red short	31 00—4 mos
100 tons, a mixed lot	28 00—4 mos
110 tons No. 1 gray forge	32 00—6 mos
100 tons gray forge neutral	31 50—4 mos
100 tons close gray and mottled	29 00—4 mos
20 tons No. 1 foundry	33 00—4 mos

ANTHRACITE.

100 tons gray forge neutral	$30 00—4 mos
30 tons No. 1 foundry	41 00—6 mos
10 tons No. 1 foundry	35 00—4 mos

ALLEGHENY COKE.

200 tons gray forge	$30 00—6 mos

CHARCOAL.

10 tons No. 3 Hanging Rock	35 00—4 mos

BLOOMS.

20 tons No. 1	$75 00—4 mos
10 tons No. 1	90 00—6 mos

Receipts of Blooms, Pig Metal and Ore.

Following are the receipts of metal and ore for the past twenty-four hours:

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILROAD. P. R. R. LESSEE.

Cars.		Cars.
Nimick & Co, m	16	J Reamer, m	6
Anderson & H, m	1	Zug & Co, m	1
G W Porter, m	9	Jones & Laughlins, m	1
Bromis & Co, m	3	P D Nicols, m	3
Lindsay, McC & Co, m	12	Lewis, B, D & Co, m	1
Graff, B & Co, m	10		
Total			60

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.

Cars.		Cars.
Shoenberger, B & Co, O	15	Caughey & H, O	2
Lucy F Co, O	10	Reese, G & W, O	2
McKnight, P & Co, O	6	Pitts Bolt Co, O	2
McKnight, D & Co	2	Isabella Fur Co, O	2
Spang, C & Co, m	2		
Total			63

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

Cars.		Cars.
Jno Moorhead, m	9	Apples, bbls	419
		Corn, sks	1,284
		Barley, sks	1,151
		Oats, sks	1,907
		Bacon, lbs	20
		Potatoes, bush	1,650

Below we give the wholesale rates of the market unless special mention is made to the contrary:

APPLES—Sales of choice apples at $4 00@4 50; inferior $2 12½@3 00 ₱ bbl.

ASHES—Pearls are quiet, common 3¾@4c; refined, 8c; potash, 9c; pearl, 10c; strictly prime to choice, 10c.

APPLE BUTTER—Sales at 50@52c ₱ gal.

ALCOHOL—Sales 200 bbls 188 deg. proof alcohol at 90c ₱ gal; Bass's English ale, in kitchen, at $2 22 gals $22 75 per 5 bbls; Bass' pale ale $12 25@12 75; bins, 68 gals $62 00 @66 00; in cases, 4 doz, $22; Wm. Younger's India pale ale, in cases of 8 doz bottles $3 9 doz; Younger's sparkling ale, $3 ₱ doz; Guinness's stout, bottled by A Burke, $3 ₱ doz; Jaurrell & Cousman's ginger ale, $2 25 ₱ doz; Cassell, Hazard & Co's ginger ale, $1 75@2 ₱ doz.

BACON AND PROVISIONS—Market unchanged at the following figures: Bacon, sugar cured hams, 9 ₱ lb, 100 shoulders, extra, sugar cured 9½c, ₱ lb; sugar cured bacon, sugar cured, 1883 dried beef, extra, sugar cured 9 ₱ lb, 16c; beef tongues, extra sugar cured 6 doz, $7 50; boneless shoulders 9 ₱ lb, 8½c; canvassed hams 9 ₱ lb, 9½c; sugar cured ham 10 ₱ lb, 10c; boneless ham, sides, 10½c ₱ lb; mess pork $18 75; lard, prime and in tierces, 9 ₱ lb, 10c; refined do for summer use, in half bbls, 10c ₱ lb; refined bacon, sugar cured, in packets, 10 ₱ lb; lard, refined, in 3 lb cookies, 9 ₱ lb, 12½c; refined do in 5 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 12½c; refined do in 3 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13c; refined do in 5 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13½c; refined do in 6 lb pails, 9 ₱ lb, 13½c; ham sausage, 20c.

BUTTER—Wequette strictly prime table butter at 35 @40c; choice 30@35c; fair 28@30c; common 12@18c.

BRAN—Choice white new at $1 00@1 05 ₱ bushel in a jobbing way, from store, 25@37½c ₱ dozen additional.

BANNER BAKING POWDER—In cans ₱ doz at $1 60; ½ do $3; 1 lb do $5 50; 5 lb cans $21; 10 lb do $38, ₱ can.

CASTOR OIL—Sales f. o. b. at wharfs at 13¾c with the usual advance on small lots from store.

CANDLES—Tompkins, 7 ₱ cake, ₱ doz, $2; 3 lb peaches, ₱ doz, $2 50; 3 lb pie peaches, ₱ doz, $2 50; Whitney's extra, $2 50@3 00 ₱ doz; Portland sugar corn $2 75 ₱ doz; 3 lb tomatoes, ₱ doz, $2 25@ 2 50; 3 lb peaches, ₱ doz, $3 50; 3 lb pumpkin, ₱ doz, $2 50.

CHEESE—Ohio dairy at 12½@12c; prime Ohio factory, September make, 12½@12c; to the trade, and 1c off for round lots; Young America, 13c; Northern 12c. Prime to choice Ohio Swedzer 16@16c.

CIDER—$5 to $9 ₱ barrel according to quality.

CRANBERRIES—10 to $13 ₱ bbl; $3 50 to $4 ₱ box.

CONCENTRATED LYE—Sales at $1 50@8 ₱ case of four one-pound pa kages.

CRACKERS—Lemon biscuit, 11½c; ginger snaps, 12¼c; oyster crackers, 7c; soda crackers, 7c; sugar crackers, 9½c; butter crackers, 7c; water crackers, 7½c ₱ lb.

CURRENT—Youghiogeny, $1 95@2 00; Beeson's Phœnix, $1 50@3 00; Louisville, $2 25@3 50; Rosedale, $4 00@4 50; white lime, $4; calcined plaster, $4 50; lath plaster, $2@2 50.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples 8@10c; prime peaches, halves 14@15c; peaches unstuffed 18@20c; blackberries 14@15c.

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EGGS—Are weak at 20@22c for strictly fresh; pickled 15c per dozen.

FEEDS—The market remains firm and unchanged. We quote as follows: St. Louis $9 50; fancy Indiana $8 75; choice Ohio $8 25; Minnesota $7 50; Wisconsin $7 25. The market is reported rather dull.

AXLE GREASE—Sales are reported as follows: Harvey's ₱ box, 5c; 6c ₱ lb; 25 lb pails, 6c; kegs ₱ lb, 5c; cans 3 lb ₱ doz $2 50.

FISH—No 1 extra mess mackerel $36; No 1 mess mackerel $24; No 1 shore mackerel $22; extra No 1 bay mackerel $19; No 1 bay mackerel $17; extra No 2 mackerel $15; No 2 bay mackerel $14; large No 3 mackerel $12 50; No 3 mackerel $10; split Labrador herring $6@8; white fish $7 50@8; lake trout $7@ 7 50; large Georges codfish $7@7 50 ₱ 100; medium Georges codfish $6 50 ₱ 100; red herring, scales, 50c ₱ box; No 1 25c ₱ box.

FEATHERS—No 1 75@80c ₱ lb; No 2 @ 70@72c, as to quality and quantity.

GROCERIES—Following are the corrected figures of the market at which sales are now made:

Coffee—Green, choice, 34c; prime 33c; good 30@ 31c; fair 29@30c; Java 38 to 40c. Roasted coffee—In papers 38c; in tins 38c; Java 42c.

Tea—Young Hyson, Scos $1 10 ₱ lb; Gunpowder Scos $1 20; imperial, Scos $1 ₱ lb; Japan, 55c; 25 lb ₱ lb; Oolong, 20@50c ₱ lb; fancy, $1 ₱ lb; Souchon 25@50c ₱ lb.

Sugars—Standard Ex. C, 10¼c; Standard B, 10¾c; Standard A, 10¾c; Standard hards, 11½c.

Molasses—Strictly prime New Orleans, 76c; choice, 80c, and scarce; old or p. 60@65c; and little in market.

Syrups—Extra White Drips, 70c; Sugar Dirps, 65c; lower grades, 45@60c, as to quality.

Rice—Choice Carolina, 9@9½c; Patna, 8@8½c; Rangoon 8c.

Grain—As before remarked, the stocks are light of wheat, as the mills take it good to-day. We quote as follows: Red winter wheat $1 06@1 65, and $1 65@1 75 for amber and white. Oats—Prime white 54@56c, and mixed 50@53c. Corn—Prime yellow, shelled, old at 78@80c; mixed 68@70c; old ear 72@ 76c; and new prime at 70@72c; new shelled, 73@75c. Rye $1 10@1 15; barley, No 2 $1 60@1 70.

HONEY—Choice clover 40@ 45; buckwheat 30 @35c.

HOMINY—Sales at $1 50@5 25 ₱ bbl.

HIDES—Sales at 8@8½c; 1870's 7½@8c; 1871's 7½ @8c.

HAY—Baled on wharf and track $18@22 ₱ ton; loose on wagon $25@28.

SADDLES—Cases of 6 dozen, $6; hand sap dle, cases of 6 dozen, $5.

ONIONS—Sales at $6 00@7 50 ₱ bbl, the latter for silver skins.

LARD OIL—Winter strained 80c ₱ gallon; fall 75c.

PEAS—$1 65@1 75 ₱ bushel.

POTATOES—Prime peachblows quoted at $1 35@ 1 40 ₱ bushel in a jobbing way, and $1 45@1 50 on track.

RISING SUN STOVE POLISH—Retail dealers supplied at $6 ₱ gross.

SALT—By the car load $2 60 ₱ bbl; in a jobbing way $2 75 ₱ bbl.

SEEDS—Sales at 2¼@3c ₱ lb.

SKINS—Foxes $1 90@2 00; timothy seed $3 50@ 3 75; clover $5 50@6 00; ₱ bushel.

WHISKY—Market firm at $1 00@1 05 ₱ gal for high wines.

TALLOW—5½@6c ₱ lb.

GAME—Squirrels $1@1 50; per dozen; rabbits 20@ 25 per pair; venison saddles 10 ₱ lb, whole deer 7@ 10c; quail $1 75 ₱ dozen; wild turkeys $1 50@2 50 each; turkeys 14@16 ₱ lb; chickens 10@12½ ₱ lb; prairie chickens $3 50@4 00 ₱ dozen.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY, February 13, 1874.

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle this week to this time have been fair both of through and way stock. The market has ruled fair; trade moderately active on best grades at ¼c advance. Very little stock went forward in first hands. Not much change in common grades. Most everything sold and market closes firm at the following rates:

PRICES.

Extra cattle, fine and smooth, $6 25 to $6 50; prime cattle, fine and smooth, $5 90 to $6 00; good cattle, fine and smooth, $5 50 to $5 75; fair cattle, fine and fine and smooth, $5 00 to $5 25; common, $4 00 to $4 50.

Hogs.

The run of hogs this week so far have been heavy and in quality common. The feeling not so good as at the end of the week. All grades off, prime 10 to 25c since Monday, common from 25 to 75c. A great many light thin hogs offering at present, which are hard to sell at any price. A good many of the common grades remain unsold. Most of the prime grades cleaned up and shipped out. Market dull at the following prices:

PRICES.

Extra Philadelphia, $6 30 to $6 40; prime Philadelphia, $6 00 to $6 25; good mixed, $5 75 to $5 90; Yorkers, $5 30 to $5 40.

Sheep.

The run of sheep fair. The quality mostly common grades. Market active and prices a shade higher than last week. Most all the stock shipped out. Trade closed firm at the following

PRICES.

Extra 100 lbs fine wool, $6 35 to $6 35; prime 95 lbs fine wool, $5 90 to $6 00; prime 90 lbs fine wool, $5 75 to $5 80; good 85 lbs fine wool, $5 25 to $5 50.

Receipts.

Hogs—Receipts 1,660 head, making 13 293 for four days, against 20,100 same time last week. No live on sale; dressed dull and weak at $7 a 7 75 for city, and $6 75a7 for western.

Sheep—Arrivals 1,860 head, or 10,000 for the last four days, against 15,450 same time last week. Among the offerings were some extra fine stock, which brought high figures; ordinary and common to fair quality quotations $3 25a5 25; lambs, $5 to $7 a $7 37a7 50.

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New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13.—Flour in fair demand and steady; superfine $4 87a5; superfine extra $5 25; treble $5 30a7 50; family $7 50@8 50. Corn in fair supply and demand; white 73a80c; yellow 85c. Oats quiet at 62a65c. Bran in fair demand at $1 05. Hay dull and 5 @ 6ser; prime $17; choice $16. Pork dull at $16. Bacon dull and offering at 7¾a 8¾@9c. Hams 17a17½c. Lard dull and nominal at 11c for tierces 9¾a9¾c; keg 10¾a10¾

CITY MATTERS.

Habeas Corpus.

A writ of habeas corpus was granted yesterday by Judge Sterrett, returnable this morning, requiring Warden Smith to produce in court the body of F. J. C. Tyler, committed to jail on an old charge of embezzlement from the sewing machine firm of Straw & Morton.

Second Ward Nominations.

The following citizens' ticket has been nominated by the people of the Second ward: Select Council, Marion H. Markle; Common Council, Robt. H. Wilson; School Directors, Aaron Floyd and James Irwin; Judge of Election, Walter H. Beaumont; Assessor, William J. Woods; Constable, Joseph Fullwood.

Arrested for Embezzlement.

On Thursday an officer of Alderman Donaldson's police force, when serving a landlord's warrant for rent at a house on Penn avenue, discovered that the tenant, a man named Frank Tyler, was the same that two years ago was charged with the embezzlement of about $2,000 from the sewing machine firm of Straw & Merter. The accused was taken before the Alderman, and being identified, was committed to jail for a hearing.

Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner McCallin yesterday held an inquest at Saltzburg, on the body of a little boy aged five years, named Patrick Bell. It seems, that on Thursday, young Bell and a companion got on a coal wagon driven by Michael Dobbs, and just as Dobbs was driving the wagon from under the schute where it was loaded, the boy, contrary to the command of the driver, rose up to get an apple offered him by his companion, when his head struck against the lower part of the schute and his skull was fractured. He lingered till eight o'clock in the evening when he died. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

The City Depositories.

The Finance Committee of the City Councils have approved the sureties of the Freehold bank in the sum of $400,000, and as to the two other banks elected city depositories have passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bonds of the Duquesne bank and the Pittsburgh Savings bank, be referred to the City Solicitor for reconsideration, and that he be directed to prepare an amendment to the ordinance giving stockholders of individual liability banks to become sureties for the bank, and that after all legal objections have been removed, that the sureties on said bonds be approved.

Thirty-Third Street Sewer.

The Board of Viewers met again yesterday at Municipal Hall, to further consider any remonstrances against the assessments for the Thirty-third street sewer. This is probably the most extensive contract the board has yet taken hold of, the number of lots taxed being no less than twenty-one thousand, and comprising all the property situate between Fifth and Penn avenues, Thirty-third and Shady lane. The sewer is only one thousand three hundred and forty feet in length, but located as it is at the great draining point of the large valley comprising the greater part of the East End, is important, and in the future is not at all problematical. The inside dimensions are ten by twelve feet, sufficient it is thought to lead off satisfactorily all the sewerage of this part of the city. The entire cost is $30,270 83, or but a fraction over one dollar per lot. The assessments were made at twenty lots per acre of unimproved property. To-day the Board expects to conclude its business so far as the sewer is concerned.

Third Ward Republicans.

The Republicans of the Third ward, Pittsburgh, held a meeting last evening in the Grant street school house for the purpose of making suggestions for ward offices. The following gentlemen were suggested: Select Council, John Shipton; Common Council, S. P. Fulton; School Directors (two to nominate), Dr. W. H. McKelvey, Aug. Steinmeyer, John Wiley and Conrad Schlegel, Judge of Election, George Neubert; Inspector (one to nominate), James Benzlehausen, John Gripp; Constable, Clemens Kreuter. The primary elections are to be held this evening between the hours of five and seven o'clock.

The following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, in the sense of this meeting, representing the Republicans of the Third ward, Pittsburgh, we will heartily support the Republican city ticket, with William C McCarthy for Mayor, Chris. A. Magee as Treasurer, and Robert M. Snodgrass as Controller, and the Republican ward nominations.

On motion adjourned.

Twenty-Fourth Ward Republicans.

The Republicans of the Twenty-fourth ward held a meeting last evening, and nominated the following ticket:

Select Councilman—James S. Atkinson.
Common Councilman—Thomas Sankey.
School Directors—N. J. Earley and David Emery.
Assessor—Joseph A. Schonlan.
Assistant Assessors—John Augo and David Reese.
Judge of Election—Harvey Millholland.
Inspector of Election—G. W. Scott.
Constable—David Lewis.

On motion of Mr. B. E. Weaver, the following resolution was adopted: That we pledge our undivided support to William C. McCarthy, the regular Republican nominee for Mayor.

The following Executive Committee was thus appointed:

John Larimer, Wm. D. West, D. E. Weaver, Mark Donley, D. Emery, John Wellinger, John Seiley, Edward Jones, Thomas Evans, E. H. Mathews, James Johnston, John Augo, Thomas Sankey, Edward Davis, Peter Young, James J. Sloan, Hugh Teel, Mike McGuire, J. M. Clark, Louis Kleine, Nicolas Steel, Frederick Wertz, David Carlin, John A. Snider, Henry Schalley, Abraham Triplet, David Fry, John Sherman, Emanuel Ephraim, P. B. Duckworth, John Robinson, Henry S. Ayrs, George Fritz, Joseph McCoy, J. B. Moffit.

THE IRON PIPE TRADE.

Uniformity of Price Agreed Upon.

A meeting of the Iron Pipe Manufacturers' Association was held in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, at the Continental Hotel. Nearly all the iron pipe manufacturers of the country were represented. Mr. Campbell Herron, of the Isabella Furnaces, this city, was called upon to preside, and Mr. David Barr, of the firm of Morris, Tasker & Co., of Philadelphia, acted as Secretary. The primary and almost sole object of the meeting was to arrive at a greater unanimity of prices. A resolution to have a uniform schedule of prices throughout the country was proposed and unanimously adopted. A general interchange of views as to the present position and future prospects of the iron trade then took place, this discussion developing great harmony of interests and showing that the manufacturers are very much of one mind as to their real interests. The meeting adjourned to convene again in this city in May next.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

At the matinee to-day "Tide and Tempest" will be given, and in the evening "Louis XI." and "Chimney Corner." These are the last appearances, this season, of Mr. Couldock, and we have no doubt he will be greeted by full houses.

Library Hall—Theodore Thomas.

The rain of last evening was anything but a pleasant feature to those who thought of attending the concert at Library Hall, and no doubt caused many to reconsider the matter and remain at home. Yet, in spite of the storm, the lower part of the hall was well filled, while there was a fair number of people in the balcony seats. The general composition of the audience was first-class, as might have been expected.

It is quite unnecessary to enter into any elaborate comment upon the character of the concert of last evening. The performance of this orchestra do not invite criticism; their thoroughness and perfection elicit only unqualified commendation. The grand organization has lost none of that discipline and power and finish which have given it so eminent a position in the world of music, but, if possible, is now greater in all these qualities than ever before. From the first number to the last of the brilliant programme of last evening, the orchestra pursued its way through the exacting works of Beethoven, Schubert, Wagner, Handel, Mendelssohn and Rossini with all the precision of method and completeness of expression peculiar to it, creating a sense of profound delight in the hearers, which no words can adequately express.

Mr. Myron W. Whitney was assigned two numbers, and sang both splendidly. His voice is clear and sonorous, well cultivated and artistically controlled. He fairly earned the enthusiastic recalls with which he was honored. Mr. Louis Lubeck's fantasie on the violoncello was a perfect gem, and elicited an encore.

We append the programmes for this afternoon and evening's concerts:

AFTERNOON CONCERT.

Overture, The Water Carrier	Cherubini.
Recitative, And God said, let the Waters	Creation, Haydn.
Aria, Rolling in foaming billows	Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Carnival of Venice, Solo for Cornet-a-Piston.	Mr. R. Dargel.
Rhapsodie Hongroise, No. 2	Liszt.
Overture to Italo	Sullivan.
Fantasie for Harp	Parish Alvars.
Aria, "Loving Smile of Sister kind," Faust	Gounod.
	Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Waltz, On the beautiful blue Danube	Strauss.
Traeumerei	Schumann.
Amaryllis, Air composed by Louis XIII	Gyhs.
Ballet, Rienzi	Wagner.

EVENING CONCERT.

Nordish, Suite, Op. 22	Asger Hamerick.
In the Woods. Old Swedish Ballad. Norse Fling. Minuet. Bridal March.	
Arietta, In questa tomba oscura	Beethoven.
	Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Concerto for two violins	Spohr.
Messrs. E. Arnold, S. E. Jacobsohn and Orchestra.	
Rhapsodie, Hongroise, No. 2	Liszt.
Overture, Leonore, No. 1	Beethoven.
Quartette for Horns	Marschner.
Messrs. Schmitz, Pieper, Kastenmacher and Olsen.	
Song, The Two Grenadiers	Schumann.
	Mr. Myron W. Whitney.
Serenade, No. 3, in D minor, Op. 69, [new]	Volkmann.
Violoncello Obligato by Mr. Louis Lubeck.	
Overture, Euryanthe	Weber.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

At the matinee this afternoon, the Mocholla brothers will exhibit their wonderful boxtrick, while a fine variety olio will be given. This evening the customary double programme will be served up.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET.

LARGE MEETING OF SOUTH SIDE VOTERS.

The Nominations Indorsed.

Speeches by Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq., David Kirk, Esq., Col. T. M. Bayne, and Others.

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Vice Presidents—John Phillips, August Ammon, Adam Trautman, J. H. Sorg, Isaac Cline, James O'Neil, Philip Hoerr, Wm. Doyle, John Larimer, John Musser, R. E. Mercer, Philip Baumgart, John N. Jarrett, John A. Brashear, J. M. Schafer, Henry Best, Charles Evans, J. W. Turney, Mark Donnelly, Thomas Shields, Leonard Hahn, John Adams, E. G. Krehan, Daniel Wenke, George Walker, George L. Fischer, George Trautman, John W. Kennedy, Ed. Hempe, Jacob Sutter.

Secretaries—James D. Reed, John Bradley and the Reporters of the Press.

After a few words of thanks the President, Mr. Jones, introduced Marshall Swartzwelder, Esq., who spoke as follows:

SPEECH OF MR. SWARTZWELDER.

Mr. Swartzwelder said that he appeared in behalf of Mr. William C. McCarthy, the candidate of the Republican party for the office of Mayor of the city. It had been said that there was required a gentleman for the position, but the question as to what constituted a gentleman had much to do with the question. Those who wanted a snob Centennial Mayor might not find it in Mr. McCarthy, but in him they would find a man of honesty and industry. He was of humble origin, obscure and poor; but in manners, talk and conversation and ability a man every way worthy of being Mayor of Pittsburgh. In his candidacy for the nomination he had been denounced by the press—wantonly, cruelly and maliciously denounced. One paper said he was not high toned enough—he was not a "gentleman"—while by others he was called wicked and incompetent, and even his vocation had been alluded to. He was opposed to him on account of his opinions, and to make report to the Court as may be required: such appointments to be made for any district in a city or county, upon petition of five citizens, lawful electors of such respective district, setting forth that such appointment is a reasonable precaution to secure the purity and fairness of elections; provided always that the number for any election district, shall be residents therein, and shall be persons qualified to serve upon election boards, and in each case members of different political parties: whenever the members of an election board shall differ in opinion, the overseers, if they shall be agreed thereon, shall decide the question of difference; in appointing overseers of election, all the laws judges of the proper court, able to act at the time, shall concur in the appointments made.

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After an appeal for a reconciliation in the Republican ranks and a just tribute to the worth of the Republican candidates for Treasurer and Controller, Messrs. Magee and Snodgrass, Colonel Bayne closed and was loudly applauded. The meeting then adjourned, Mr. McCarthy not being present to answer repeated calls.

THE ELECTION BOARDS.

Provisions of the New Constitution and the New Election Law.

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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Report of the Washington Committee—Monthly Exhibit of the Health Officer—A National Health Bureau Recommended.

The Board of Health held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Present: President Edwards and Messrs. Arthurs, Hays, Backofen and Graham.

Health Officer Gray made the following report for the month of January: Nuisances visited and abated by the Sanitary Inspectors: Alleys (filthy), 20; courts, 12; cellars, 5; dead animals removed, 15; defective drainage, 2; drain pipes (leaking), 12; garbage and filth thrown on streets, 34; on vacant lots, 6; houses (damp) 2; hog pens, filthy, 8; manure heaps, 12; manure boxes on streets, 5; offal removed, 2; ponds of water, 3; privies, 65; streets (filthy) 1; slaughter houses, 5; stables, 3; sewer, 1; vacant lots (filthy) 3; water in cellars 13; water courses, 6; filthy yards, 34; miscellaneous, 3. Total, 273. Number of permits granted, 35. Total receipts, $116 91; expended, $7 72; balance, $109 19. Number of suits instituted, 1; number of deaths, 76; number of births for quarter ending December 31st, 1874, 128; marriages during the same time, 410.

The Committee on Annual Report presented a report, and on motion one thousand copies were ordered to be printed, one hundred of which are to be bound in muslin for distribution to boards of other cities.

Dr. Arthurs moved that the question of salary of the Physician to the Board be referred to a committee of three. Adopted, and Messrs. Arthurs, House and Graham appointed.

Health Officer Gray made a verbal report of the experience of the committee to the Convention of Health Boards, held at Washington City on the 21st of January last. The Convention organized a Council of Health Boards of the United States. It is intended to meet annually, and much good is hoped will result from the interchange of practice and theory in sanitary affairs. The Convention had drawn a bill for the institution of a Health Bureau under the government auspices. The following is the substance of the document as it passed the Senate. It has yet to be considered in the House.

Be it enacted by the Senate, etc., That there shall be established at the seat of government of the United States, and attached to and under the direction of the Department of the Interior, a Bureau, to be denominated the Bureau of Health, the general design and duties of which shall be to acquire and diffuse, among the people of the United States, useful information on subjects connected with the preservation of public health, and to assist, whenever called upon, the several States and Territories of the United States in the establishment of efficient sanitary and quarantine systems and regulations.

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SEC. 5. Provides for an annual report from the Commissioner to the President, in which he may recommend the publication of valuable papers, statistics, etc.

SEC. 6. Provides for the appointment of a chief clerk, present clerks, and section seven provides that "nothing herein contained" shall be construed to interfere with the health or quarantine regulations of any of the several States.

A letter addressed to Representative Negley requesting him to use his influence towards the passage of the bill was received by him, and followed by a letter addressed to Washington.

Mr. Backofen offered a resolution instructing the Inspectors generally to assist the Milk Inspector whenever called upon to do so, and also to report any violation of the law relating te that department.

Adjourned.

THE PUMPING WORKS.

Card from Mr. John Douglass.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

I noticed in your issue of Saturday, 7th inst., the following paragraph, in the statement of Jos. L. Lowry:

PAYING A BALANCE.

A communication was received from Mr. Joseph L. Lowry, setting forth that when he took charge of the work at the foundation of the new engine house, he owing to the workmen from Mr. Douglass, from one to two month's wages. This had been liquidated by advances, leaving a balance due him, as follows:

Cash expended	$17,340 70
Cash received from Water Commission	17,330 04
Balance due Jos. L. Lowry	10 72

I have endeavored by application to the Secretary or officer having charge of it to obtain a sight of Mr. Lowry's statement, but without success, the officer stating that his instructions were to withhold the same from me.

The statement is entirely unfounded. I myself, with my own means, have paid every dollar due by me to my workmen at the foundation of the engine house and elsewhere, although hampered by Mr. Lowry in procuring lockey coal. Mr. Lowry has paid one dollar on such account he has done so improperly and unadvisedly, without consulation with me, who alone could advise him as to the justice of any such claims.

But I cannot believe Mr. Lowry has made any such payment or any payment. He was perfectly aware that the purchase money of stone and materials sold by me to the Water Commission, was to be and was appropriated in the first place to the payment of all my labor accounts, he being instrumental in procuring that appropriation. I have no complaint to make of Mr. Lowry, in this connection, for causing me great trouble by reason of suits and attachments issued for labor claims, and refer to it only to make the inference conclusive, that Mr. Lowry personally knew that I myself, and through those acting for me, with my own means paid every labor claim due by me in city work in full.

I would feel greatful to the Water Committee to investigate this matter, or afford me an opportunity of examining Mr. Lowry's statement. JOHN DOUGLASS.

February 13th, 1874.

SERIOUS SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Two Persons Shot at a Colored Church in Allegheny City.

Wednesday evening a colored man named Gordon, aged about eighteen, and several companions, went to Brown's Chapel, a colored church, corner of Boyle and Hemlock streets, where a series of meetings has been in progress, with the evident intention of disturbing the worshippers. Gordon, who was considerably under the influence of liquor, kept constantly running in and out the building, much to the annoyance of the congregation, when a trustee named Barnes, went out and requested Gordon and his companions to make less noise. The latter took offense from Barnes's requests, and drawing a revolver, threatened to shoot him, when another man named Joseph Smith interfered and Gordon turned on him. The former appreciating the seriousness to which an altercation under the circumstances might lead, left the church, but Gordon followed him. As he stepped on to the street he pointed his weapon at Smith and fired. Smith then struck at Gordon with his fist and attempted to wrench the weapon from his hand, but in so doing he slipped and fell. Just as he fell, Gordon discharged his revolver a second time, the ball passing over Smith, and striking a young colored lad on by the name of Wm. Scott. Several other shots were shot were fired, but none took effect except the first two.

By this time the police had reached the scene, and took Gordon to the lock-up, but when placed in the cell he denied having anything to do with the shooting. Yesterday morning Smith's father preferred a charge of felonious assault and battery against him, and the accused was committed to jail for a hearing on Tuesday afternoon.

The wounded man was soon afterwards removed to his house at No. 54 West Diamond, and his wound was discovered to be of a very serious nature, the ball having struck him over the left lobe of the liver and stomach. It penetrated so far that the physician decided it too dangerous to probe the wound further, and the ball was allowed to remain in its lodging place. Last evening Smith was considerably improved, and it is expected he will recover. Scott was struck in the temple, the ball passing out behind his left ear. His wound is not serious.

THE LIQUOR LEAGUE AND POLITICS.

The Association Drops Politics for the Nonce—Members to Vote for Whom They Choose.

The Allegheny County Liquor League held a stated meeting at their rooms in Maltby's building, Fifth avenue, yesterday afternoon. The object was to take action relative to the coming municipal election, and decide whether to take part in it. Considerable interest, not only among the members, but with outsiders was manifested in the probable action of the League, and its bearing on the contest. It is well known that the association wields an influence which would, were it used, have an effect on the result next Tuesday, and candidates and their friends were quite anxious to learn which way the fluid gentlemen would throw their might.

The attendance was large, and it was evident whatever course might be adopted would be ratified by the voters attached to the League. Several very forcible speeches were made by the leading men, and it was finally concluded that it would be folly to invite opposition in a municipal fight where none already existed. In consonance with this idea, on motion of Mr. Littell, it was determined not to take part in the election as an association, and that members be permitted to exercise their enfranchised rights untrammeled. The action of the meeting cannot be regarded as other than sensible under the circumstances, and it will unquestionably meet with the hearty indorsement of all concerned.

THE Chicago *Times*, a paper which is nothing if not religious and reliable, says: Pittsburgh runs to poison as readily as St. Louis to seed. The papers of the former place have their regular poison reporters, who edit their columns with great enterprise, no little feeling, and even some discrimination, for they reject such cases as are not sufficiently sensational or scientifically interesting.

STATE NEWS.

The receipts at the Reading treasury, last year, were $372 234, and the expenditures $322,416. The Treasurer had a balance of $51,019 on hand on the 1st of January.

Mr. Jacob Ammon, of Glade, Warren county has buried five children within the past three months. The two last ones died of diphtheria, and another one is sick with this dread disease.

Scranton has a family eight of whom are sick with the small-pox. The father died of the disease some time ago, and those living are almost wholly destitute of food or clothing.

It is stated that arrangements have been made by which the Johnstown Mechanical Works will shortly be run again to their full capacity.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, of this State, will meet at the Assembly building, Philadelphia, next Tuesday.

Captain Basil Bowen, of George township, Fayette county, Pa., a soldier of the war of 1812, died on Monday, February 2, 1874, aged eighty-eight years.

Rev. William Eyer, of Catawissa, fell and was trampled by a horse on the 6th inst., and died from his injuries on Sunday, the 8th inst.

Benjamin Morris, of Little Britain township, Lancaster county, died suddenly a few days ago, of paralysis. He was eighty-four years old.

The temperance men of Blair will hold a county mass convention in Hollidaysburg on the 23d inst., in opposition to the repeal of the Local Option law.

This from the Altoona *Tribune:* It is rumored that the railroad company is at present engaged in negotiating for a tract of land in the vicinity of Derry station, Westmoreland county, with the view to erecting thereon the necessary shops for the building of palace stock cars and also shops for repairing locomotives that ply on the western division. If rumor is correct the shops that are to be erected will be on an extensive scale, and will be fitted up with the most approved machinery of all kinds, while Derry station will at once take rank with the important points along the line of the road.

During the progress of the recent religious revival in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Johnstown, there were three hundred and sixty persons united with the church.

The Allentown *Chronicle* says the Perkiomen Valley Railroad tunnel through the Lehigh mountain will be finished by April 1.

The Lehigh Iron Company's furnace No. 2, at Allentown, recently made thirty-six tons and eighteen hundred weight of Superior No. 1 iron in one day. This is an extraordinary performance sixty feet high, and seventeen feet at boshes.

Stephen Kern, of Allentown, scalded himself very badly by spilling hot coffee over his legs. He is in a critical condition in consequence.

Several evenings since an individual entered the evening train at Reading for Philadelphia. On the conductor taking up tickets the man had none, and after emptying out all his pockets he managed to raise the amount of his fare, including the additional twenty-five cent check, within one cent. The puncher of passebounds, however, insisted on that single nickel being forthcoming or he would be compelled to stop the train and put him out. A gentleman passenger kindly loaned the pennies traveler the desired farthing, and the train moved on.

Lewis Hiller fell dead in Reading, on Tuesday, 10th inst.

Abraham R. Peoples, of Knox township, Clearfield county, was instantly killed on the 4th inst. He and Mr. George Bowman were hauling a large spar, when in some way it swung round, and catching Mr. Peoples's head between it and a tree, crushed his head and broke his neck.

The Clearfield *Journal* is informed that Mr. James Wilson, an aged citizen of Goshen township, was frozen to death under the following circumstances: On Friday, January 30th, he had gone to Mr. R. S. Stewart's store, in Girard township, where he purchased some goods, and then started toward Mr. Hite's in the latter township. The next morning, January 31st, he was found sitting on the side of the road, on the hill near Mr. Hite's, lifeless. It is supposed that, becoming tired, he sat down to rest, and perished from the cold.

There are four miles of teams hauling timber on the Penfield road, says the Clearfield *Raftsman's Journal*, and if a person happens to be going toward the place, just at the right time of day, he has the pleasure of hauling off to one side and waiting for that team to come and pass. They make two trips a day, rendering travel unsafe as well as decidedly inconvenient.

Philadelphia leads all other